Nato attack on train kills ten

BY ROBERT FISK in Belgrade

NATO JETS blasted a Yugoslav passenger train off a railway bridge in southern Serbia yesterday, killing at least 10 people and bringing to well over 60 the number of civilians to have d at the alliance's hands in the past two weeks. Nato spokesmen said they "regretted" civilian casualties on the train-part of which caught fire wheo two carriages plunged into a ravine - but claimed that the railway track was "an important military supply line". The Yugoslav government called it a "criminal attack".

Two missiles were fired by a Nato jet at the bridge near Leskovac, 200 miles south of Belgrade as the passenger train, apparently on route from the Serbian capital via Skopje to Thessalonika in Greece, was on a span above the deep gorge of the Morava river. Initial reports suggested that the first missile brought down cables and immobilised the electric locomotive hauling the carriages - Yugoslav State Railways train

No 393 - over the chasm. The second missile exploded beside the carriages, blasting two of them right off the bridge and setting fire to others.

good-covered debris lay the bridge and most of dead, who included a 10year old child, were reported to bave been burned alive. Nabojsa Vujevic, the Yugoslav foreign ministry spokesman, said that several Greek journalists were travelling home on the train from Belgrade. A road crosses the gorge at the same point as the railway bridge near Leskovac but the Nato jet appeared to be aiming at the track.

Nato is believed to possess film of the attack - although it did not choose to make the tape public last night as it normally does after its air ralds - and a Nato spokesman in Brussels said its bombing attacks on Yugoslav targets would con-

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A British soldier drives a Challenger tank through a field during a military exercise in Petrovec, Macedonia yesterday. Nato currently has 10,000 troops in the country

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Zastava car factory at Kragujevac where 120 Serb workers were wounded last week.

every precaution" to preven civilian casualties, Nato's at in the past 10 days that large numbers of Serb civilian deaths

have become inevitable. A Nato jet - believed by Yugoslav forces to be an RAF Harrier - killed up to 24 civilians at Aleksinac 10 days ago while another Nato air strike on the civil-Monday morning and another Muslims. Civilians were dri-

missile smashed into the giant ving over the river Danube at Novi Sad north of Belgrade last week when a Nato missile struck the bridge. Only a miracle saved the motorists from

ig into the river, Nato's regrets are becoming tacks have been so broadened routine. It said that a "malfunction" in a bomb aimed at a military target may have been ian refugees at Serb hands it did so, Nato foreign ministers insisted that it would continue ian centre of Pristina last week , with its air bombardment of Yutinue. An oil refinery was hit on killed 10 civilians, half of them / goslavia because the killings from the Serbian province.

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responsible for the Aleksinac represented a "fundamental slaughter and yesterday again challenge to the values of expressed its sorrow at the democracy and human right killings near Leskovac. Even as and the rule of law". The bombing would continue until President Slobodan Milosevic withdrew his military units and suffering of Kosovo Alban- Nato said.

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Yeslerday evening, James Sbea. Nato's spokesman in Brussels, acknowledged that there was a train "on or near" the Leskovac bridge at the time of the air strike. "But I want to stress very strongly indeed that there was no intention whatever to cause damage on the train," he said. "Nato has

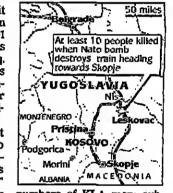
gone to extraordinary lengths a "military supply line" - it to avoid collateral casualties was a phrase used by western during its operations."

pared to risk killing civilians. would have sbown Nato plangoslavia were almost exclusively targeted on military uled services on many lines. barracks and air defence locations-so specifically that even that it bad killed 150 Kosovo knowledged their accuracy. But once the alliance decided to attack ordinary transport systems, it knew that civilians would inevilably be killed. Any road in Yugoslavia can be called

forces every day during the 1991 But the broadening of Nato's Gulf war to justify attacks attack rules to include bridges which killed civilians in Iraq. and railways mean that it is pre- Aerial reconnaissance pictures Nato's initial attacks against Yu- ners that Yugoslav passenger trains were still running sched-

Serbia claimed last night Yugoslav army officers ac- Liberation Army guerrillas the Belgrade authorities, as usual, called them "terrorists" - during a battle in a forest near Morina close to the Albanian border. Yugoslavia regularly says that it has killed large

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sequent investigation often proves the claims to be

Victims tell harrowing tales of rape

LIE HAD almost made it out BY STEVE BOGGAN Kosovo when she was abducted from the ranks of refugees by Serb soldiers and

raped. She was 14 and a virgin. She has been too traumatised to tell doctors in Albania how many times she was violated or by how many men, but ber trauma is being shared by ner father. He was forced to march on at gunpoint as they took his daughter away.

This is one of a growing number of harrowing stories stored in a shiny red dossier by Silvia Miria, a psychologist and director of the Counselling Centre for Women and Girls in the

Albanian capital. Her crusade to bring the rapes to the attention of war crimes investigators is being run from a grimy apartment block south of central Tirana. Relying on donations from aid agencies, she and 14 other counsellors, psychiatrists and social workers are visiting refugee camps to offer help and to document claims.

In the past few weeks she has gathered the testimonies of more than 100 witnesses to Serb-acts of rape and sexpal viofence. She also has six victims rejuctance to testify is their 30 young women at the border 1 ll kill myself." Burbuge's ac-pool in rain-soaked Tirana.

whelmingly rural Muslim com-

Ms Miria believes that for every known case, there are many more that will go unrecourage to speak about it." she said yesterday. "But these women believe they have been a war crime. It is the only thing keeping them alive."

Another reason for women's

personal testimony, and this is are bying in poor conditions, eia rarity in the Kosovars' over- ther in overcrowded refugee camps at Kukes, in northern Almunity, where any discussion of bania or in municipal buildings sex, let alone rape, is seen as in Tirana that include former gymnasiums, baskethall halls -

even a disused mental hospital. "There is the stigma." said Ms Miria, "but there is also the ported. "It takes a great deal of trauma of the war. They're simply too devastated to come forward yet." Clutching the dossier, she added: "I am keepvictims not only of rape, but of ing their testimony and gathering more evidence for the war

Accounts of the rape of up to

Kosovo and Albania emerged given to Ms Miria. "There apyesterday in the Italian media. The reports spoke of a family who claimed to have seen women dragged from a convoy and into a nearby field where their screams could be heard by passing refugees. One witness, Burbuqe Kastroti, a 17-year-old from Dushanov, said she escaped because she and her sister. Libode. 15, dressed in

"We tried to make ourselves

put mud on their faces.

who have come forward with abysmal plight. The victims crossing of Vermice between count tallies with statements pear to be two methods emerging," she said. "Women are either taken from lines of refugees at borders - usually because they are young and attractive - or they were taken away during the ethnic cleansing, when the men were separated from the women."

No one knows what the future holds for Sabije unot her real their father's old clothes and name: or others like her In any society, her recovery would be hard. Today, it has to be made look horrible." she said. "I in a tent on a muddy campsite thought. If they rape me, then beside a municipal swimming

Shock! Eurocrat abandons his limo

WAIT TILL YOU SEE HIS EXPENSES CLAIM FOR SHOE LEATHER!



THE NEW head of one of the BY COLIN BROWN world's most lavish, bureaucratic and controversially extravagant organisations Blair yesterday. You may have caught a train and then got in spotted him on the Gatwick Express to Victoria station.

European bureaucrats are normally seen in chauffeur- the front door of No 10, for seflag of the EU. But Romano Prime Minister of Italy, ap-Prodi, the European President pointed by the heads of the Eu-

Chief Political Correspondent

stemiousness when be flew on arrived in London to meet Tony a scheduled flight to Gatwick. line to wait for a black cab to take him to Downing Street.

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£158,000 a year post, made the straint stood in contrast to that last leg of his journey by foot. Downing Street officials were "surprised but delighted" with the lack of pomp shown by

Mr Prodi for his first official cugagement in London. He was Mr Blair's nominee to clean up the European Commission after the revelations of lavish driven limousines bearing the curity reasons, the former living and nepotism led to the resignation of Jacques Santer

and his team.

His unprecedented fiscal re-

Green, who helped to bring down Santer. When she flies back to the UK from Brussels she is met at Heathrow by her chauffeur, who makes the same bring to the Commission, before trip by road and Eurostar. The European Commission

in London was also surprised by Mr Prodi's visit. "He didn't make any arrangements for president elect, and he didn't the other day."

of the British Euro MP Pauline but we normally organise an appropriate car for commissioners in London."

Mr Prodi discussed with Mr Blair the reforms he intends to retracing his journey on public transport to Gatwick for a flight to Bonn, leaving at least one cabbie with the rare chance to boast to his customers: "I bad his visit through us. He is the that Euro President in my cab

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world we are not afraid of anyone and that our final victory is near"

"We came to show the

"Bosnia taught us that if you act late, you pay a higher price"

Javier Solana. A youth in Belgrade Nato secretary-general

"I cannot say whether we are going to fight our way in or there may be a surprise for all of us" Kofi Annan, of the UN

Ministers in new pledge on bombing

SUMMIT By STEPHEN CASTLE in Brussels

NATO FOREIGN ministers yesterday united around a renewed pledge to homb the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, into submission. But they also urged Russia first to help broker and then to police a peace settlement which could give Kosovo "internationally

protected status". The first meeting of foreign ministers of the 19-strong alliance since the military campaign began reaffirmed its commitment to air strikes, but carefully kept open options both on the shape of an eventual settlement and on the circumstances under which

ground troops may be drawn in. After a morning of discussions in Brussels, Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State, said a range of options, including the eventual partition of Kosovo, had been dehated. That idea did not, she added, find favour in Washington and could not be "easily done". Ms Albright appeared more favourable to suggestions that Kosovo should be given an "informula which builds on the assumption that the security of the ethnic Albanian population of Kosovo must be guaranteed by a Nato-led force.

That opened the possibility of a move, backed by Germany, towards greater Russian involvement in an international peace-keeping force, whose mandate might be reinforced by a United Nations resolution.

As Ms Albright is due to meet the Russian Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov, today in Oslo, she was careful to encourage Moscow's co-operation with Washington, saying she hoped to establish today what the 'common approach can be".

Nato's secretary-general, Javier Solana, promised that the organisation would play its role in rebuilding the region after the conflict, with a plan to stabilise the Balkans. Last week the German presidency of the EU outlined plans to increase economic links with the Balkan states, possibly as a prelude to full EU membership for

Macedonia and Albania. Mr Solana said a stabilisation package would have "political, economic, security and humanitarian aspects" and stressed that Nato "will have its role to play". This could be done through Nato's Partnership for Peace, which has fostered relations with former Warsaw

Pact nations, such as Poland. Despite the concentration on diplomatic initiatives to end the conflict. Ms Albright upped the rhetoric against Belgrade. "Mr Milosevic is trying to divide Nato, but Nato will not be divided," she said.

Mr Solana added: "Milosevic is losing and he knows be is losing. Nato is united. We have justice and right on our side and we will prevail.

The alliance solidified behind five demands: that Milosevic should cease military actions; withdraw military, paramilitary and police forces from Kosovo; agree to an international military presence in Kosovo; allow the return of refugees; and undertake to work on the basis of the Rambouillet accord.

Although the continuing ethnic cleansing in Kosovo has



Nato foreign ministers gathering in Brussels yesterday morning, where they urged Russia to help in the diplomatic moves for peace

blown a hole in the Rambouillet accord. Nato allies have no consensus on which parts of the deal should be kept and which ditched. There is a growing recognition that its proposals for autonomy for Kosovo within Yugoslavia are no longer tenable, but several Nato nations,

including Greece, oppose any

said, become its top priority.

Mr Cook said that air drops.

move to grant full independence to Kosovo.

Nor is there agreement over the point at which ground troops might be used. Over the weekend George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, argued that the "permissive" environment needed before troops could enter Koso-

which were made in Bosnia.

forces were in retreat. However. a discussion over lunch yesterday produced no consensus for the deployment of ground troops before a formal deal has been agreed. Yesterday, Mr Solana refused to define what he meant by a "permis-

vo could come about when Serb Cook, British Foreign Secretary, said that Nato would not be fighting its way in against organised resistance".

Moscow's role in settling the crisis is being seen as increasingly important. One Nato diplomat said: "Russia is the hridge. Moscow wants stability in the region too, and it talks to

Milosevic. But first, Milosevic has to step back."

As yet there is no agreemen about the type, or command structure, of an international force, although Mr Cook insisted any such deployment would be under Nato command and control, and that dual command was not a possibility.

Emergency airdrop to 700,000 planned

PLANS TO air-drop emergency supplies to as many as 700,000 refugees inside Kosovo were being examined by Nato last eign Secretary, said that milinight after a new Western tary commanders had been sels, in which Ms Albright said sevic must feed his people or thought to be living in desperate conditions.

The initiative, outlined in Brussels, came as Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, accused Slobodan Milosevic of deliberately depriving refugees inside Kosovo of food

She added a warning that it was "Milosevic's responsibility to make sure that they do not

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However, the idea is likely to be controversial in Nato, because of the difficulty of restricting the drops to areas where refugees - and not Serb military forces - get access to the food or medicine.

The initiative came in a statement after talks among Nato foreign ministers in Brus-

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resolve the humanitarian crisis created by Milosevic's depre-

She added: "Belgrade is taking every opportunity to make a bad situation worse. We are deeply concerned that as many as 700,000 people are now homeless within Kosovo.

"It appears that Belgrade is deliberately depriving them of food and shelter. Either Milocould be successful. "We have done it before," he said. "We have asked our mili-

tary to examine the options and pledge to protect the ethnic Alasked to study the possibility of that the Western alliance had Nato must respond to their to report to us." Mr Cook said Kosovo Liberation Army fightbanians, many of whom are air drops and other unspecified to "redouble its engagement to plight". The Secretary of State the dire predicament of the ers when Serbian artillery bomalso praised the efforts of nongovernmental organisations to him during contacts with a town of Padesh. senior member of the Kosovo from Greece which have been trying to finds ways of working Liberation Army. inside Kosovo to relieve the plight of the refugees.

Javier Solana, Nato secretary-general, also emphasised the importance of Nato's humanitarian task which had, he

The West, he added, "clearly hold President Milosevic responsible for the refugees". A spokesman for the Yu-

goslav foreign ministry, Nebostunt designed to draw attention to a humanitarian crisis which did not exist.

Doctors were last night trying to save the leg of a French journalist wounded with 11 refugees had been made clear harded the Albanian border

Albanian military surgeons made an appeal to the French embassy in Tirana to provide a helicopter to take Franc Brocker for emergency surgery in Italy. "If he doesn't get treatment quickly, be will lose the isa Vujovic, dismissed the leg," Nuredin Malaj, of the Cenair-drop plans as a propaganda tral Military Hospital in Tirana,

Briefing: Day 20

■ A total of 16 RAF Harrier sorties were flown yesterday ■ Kosovo Albanian refugees continued to stream across borders into Albania and Macedonia. There are an estimated 620,000 refugees and 720,000 internally

■ Seized pirate designer clothing worth £250,000 - with labeis such as Armani, Ralph Lauren and Kickers - is being sent by Devon County Council to Kosovo refugees. Medical and sanitation facilities are severely limited for refugees in northern Albania where about 10,000

lankets were distributed yesterday ■ 1,358 people left Macedonia for third countries yesterday. Camps at Brazda in Macedonia contain about

28,000 refugees. ■ British troops continue to provide heavy equipment such as fork-lifts to help with food distribution.

■ Médécins Sans Frontières has taken over the provision of medical services from Nato troops in

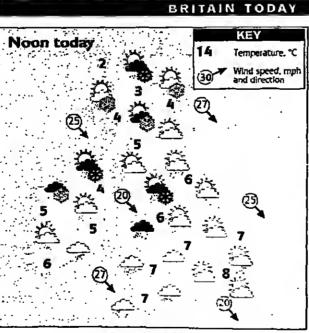
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AT LEAST nine people died in two landslides in Colombia's central coffee-growing region yesterday, pushing the death toll from heavy rains to 24 since Friday.

Six were reported to have been killed when a house in the village of Cienaga was flattened by an avalanche of rocks and mud. Three others, including a 20-month-old girl, died when flash floods triggered another landslide near the town of Guatica.

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Murdered in cold blood: the editor whose sin was to criticise Milosevic

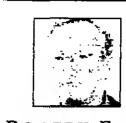
- WAR IN THE BALKANS

THE COPS were poking around witside Slavko Curuvija's home esterday morning. They had aiready collected the cartridge cases from the pavement outside 35 Lole Ribara street, and a police labrador was sniffing the rubbish bins outside the grey five-storey block with the chemist's shop located on the ground floor.

It had been a professional job: 11 shots, first into the back of the journalist's head, then the rest to finish him off on the ground. The two men in skimasks had hit Slavko's wife Vesna on the bead with a gunbutt before they murdered her bushand on Orthodox Easter Day afternoon. Then they shot him and walked calmly away

down Lole Ribara street. So who killed 49-year-old Slavko Curuvija? He had attacked the government. He had ested in his newspaper www.i Telegraf that Presient Slobodan Milosevic should rid himself of Vojislav Seselj and other nationalist ministers in the Serbian government. He had - said his enemies - advocated the bombing of Yugoslavia to "bring Milosevic to his senses". He had travelled to Washington after last October's harsh press laws effectively closed down four of Belgrade's 11 papers, and held talks with State Department officials. And, perhaps most controver-

APOTEKA



ROBERT FISK IN BELGRADE

sial of all, he had been a policeman - an inspector no less. in the analysis and intelligence branch of the security police. A tall, bearded, handsome

man, bespectacled and invariably dressed in the latest men's fashions, he had struggled for months to keep Dnevni Telegraf - it means Daily Telegraph - alive. When he could no longer publish in Betgrade, he transferred its operations to Montenegro - the police would search the trains and trucks travelling from Podgorica to Belgrade to confiscate copies then to the Bosnian Serb capital of Banja Luka and, finally. to Zagreb, In the end, friends said, he was nearly bankrupt but still well-dressed.

"He was very proud of his connections with the establishment," one of his colleagues told me yesterday. "He was a private person, but also ambi-

tious. He wanted one day to be bian Radical Party - who were that, a big politician. He didn't want to mix with the independent press. I was told he had a he made a joke to the Milosevies that one day the president could no longer stay as teader and that perhaps he - Curuvija - might be the president. That was the end of the friendship."

A law passed in October fined journalists up to £64,000 for printing unprovable material - "lies" as far as the goverrunent was concerned - and if the new spapers could not pay the fines (which they invariably cuuld not! the police had the right to confiscate an editor's personal property. In Curuvija's case, the police turned up at the hume of the director of the newspaper - after first taking away office computers - and confiscated his own belongings, with the exception of the family bed and a few chairs. Dnerni Telegraf was a 100,000circulation tabloid paper with big headlines. But it didn't have

big money. Curuvija's juurnalistie sin proposed a 16-point political programme for the future. One of the measures was that the President should get rid of "coalition partners" - presum-

a big press boss, perhaps, after "pushing the country to disaster". He called them "gangsters and near-profiteers". The issue was banned and the authorities problem with the family when promised to confiscate all further editions of the paper that found their way to Serbia from Montenegro, Bosnia or Croatia, and use them as scrap paper. "Curuvija was in financial

troubles, but went to Washington tast year and was interviewed a lot in the Western media," another of the dead man's colleagues said yesterday. "He met State Department officiats and defended the free press here, and it's said he went on about how only bombing could stop Milosevic. But after the Nato bom-

bardment started tast month, the government daily, Politika Ekspres, carried a commentary claiming that "people like Curuvija who asked Nato to bomb must be happy now". To other journalists in Betgrade, it sounded like a call to murder. Less than a week ago. Bel-

grade journalists debated the threat in the presence of the Serbian minister of information, was to publish an open letter to and an editor of Politika was President Milosevic in which he asked how he could print such comments about Curuvija, "I was present at this meeting." the dead journalist's acquaintance said. "The man from Politika said, 'We are not here to discuss editorial policy. Curuvija is a fascist - he wanted this.' The minister tried to calm things down."

The few Serb journalists still trying to keep a semblance of a free press in Belgrade are still uncertain who killed Curuvija. or why. "It's true he attacked a lot of Seseli's people," one of them said last night. "It could be the beginning of a bad time for us; for the very last roots of democracy."

The government newspaper Novosti published a mere two paragraphs on the murder in its edition yesterday. He was killed by "unknown persons", the paper reported. "Interior ministry secretariat are intensively looking for the criminals who carried out the attack." No one, as they say, is holding



Slavko Curuvija last October, holding the issue of his newspaper that the Serb authorities banned

People gathering in the street where Slavko Curuvija was shot their breath. Albanian doctors singled out for Serbian brutality

i to arrive in the Adnatices (by Luan Jaha, none was so brutally symbolic as the death of Dr Lec Ukaj. He was with a group of patients when they came for him, so there were several witnesses to what happened. His clinic, in the Kosovan town of Gllogoc, had been destroyed by Serb shelling

s before, and like many aian professionals – ers and teachers, as well as doctors - he had taken to practising in a private house. The police arrived last September with a photograph of the doctor. After they had identified him, they asked him a strange question. Which hand did be use to operate on his patients? Dr Ukaj held up his right hand. "Then they grabbed him and they cut off his fingers," says Dr Jaha, an investigator for the organisation Physicians for Human Rights (PHR). Later they killed him. The rumour was that they also put out his eyes, although that we never confi xed." Nothing could aerve - better illustration of the saude of the Serbian regime towards the ethnic Albanian

Among all the tales of violence and persecution, the stories told by Albanian doctors are especially telling. Apart: Jaha. "They have done everyfrom the suffering of the indi-thing to prevent the creation of and connections, he was

medical profession.

TORTURE

By RICHARD LLOYD PARRY in Skopje, Macedonia

viduals, they illustrate one of medical care, especially in the the most fearful features of areas controlled by the KLA." Serbian policy towards Kosovo's Albanian population - its systematic nature, targeting not just individuals, or even an ethnic group, but entire institutions. Ever since Albanian nationalism began to stir in Kosovo, the Serbian government has attempted to deprive the province's medical estab-

lishment of its eyes and hands. Since widespread fighting got underway in Kosovo in spring last year, at least four other doctors have died in circumstances similar to Dr Ukaj. Last November, Nuredin Zejnullativ, a specialist in internal diseases was sbot dead in his house by masked men. In February this year, Xhevdet Gastri, was found shot through the back of the head after being abducted from the same town, Pec. By PHR's reckoning, at least 28 doctors have been arrested, and numerous others have been invited in for euphemistically titled "informative talks". "They call you in and they intimidate you, usually with the use of force," says Dr

Dr Jaha's own story is a fine illustration of the policy, which airstrikes began.

began long before the Nato bombs began falling. In 1995. like thousands of teachers. lawyers and civil servants in Kosovo, he was sacked from his job as a vascular surgeon in a state hospital in an ongoing purge of ethnic Albanian professionals - between 1990 and 1998, some 2,000 medical workers tost their state jobs. So he opened a private clinic in the town of Rahovec, an area dominated by the Kosovo Liberation Army, where fierce fighting took place last summer. For poked into his wounds. three weeks, he worked in a KLA-controlled area, one of six

intensified he escaped to Prizren where he was arrested. He was charged with treason and terrorism, crimes subject to 20 years in jail or a death sentence. "I was not a member of the KLA," he says. "I worked only as a doctor, but that in itself was enough." Two Serb nurses testified in his support and, thanks to bribes

doctors tending to 70,000

guerrillas. As the fighting

refugees as well as wounded

in fail. He returned to find his clinic destroyed and many of his patients arrested. It was then that be began to work for the Boston-based PHR, before escaping with his family to Skopje in Macedonia after the

Doctors in Kosovo have been the perpetrators as well as the victims of violence. Do Jaha's group bas recorded t03 cases of abuse of patients in medical care, the cruellest of them directed against suspected KLA fighters. A wounded soldier named YIt Morina died after four operations. According to testimony gathered by the group, he had cigarette butts stubbed out on his skin and police truncheons

In February, Serb artillery shelled KLA positions from the grounds of a mental hospital, a serious violation of conventions of "medical neutrality".

Doctors have been turned against doctors. Refugee doctors in Macedonia speak wryly of "Turbo-Specialists" - young Serbian physicians who have achieved lightning promotion thanks to the expulsion of their Albanian contemporaries. "The Hippocratic Oath doesn't have anything to say about that, does it, about selling your

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Vojislav Seselj (left), the Serbian Deputy Prime Minister and Radical Party leader, rallying the Yugoslav federal parliament at a session on uniting with Russia and Belarus. The parliament voted overwhelmingly to join the loose union between fellow Slav countries

Serbs choose to unite with Russians

PACT

By ROBERT FISK in Belgrade

HIS WAS the only voice that echoed round the 32 marble columns. He was the only MP to speak without notes. The man who once said that his Chetniks had graduated to "rusty shoehorns" in putting out Croat eyes - black burnour he later protested - knew how to bold his audience.

The friend of Jean Marie le Pen of France and the Russian extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky and acquaintance of Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus, had no doubt that this was "one of the

most important moments in history". Yugoslavia, Vojislav Seselj told us all, must join the union of Russia and Belarus.

And it did, by God. Only four members of the joint Yugoslav parliament dared to vote against the motion yesterday one was a long-hearded priest and they were booed and wolf-whistled for their pains.

"Would you like to come over and join us here?" Mr Seselj, the Serbian deputy prime minister, taunted them from the Radical Party seats, raising his right hand in derision. "Would you like to join us?" There were many who did. One after another, MPs for the Democratic Party. the Serbian People's Party, the Serbian Renewal Party stood up to make their contribution to Slavic unity.

"It is binding," the foreign ministry spokesman, Nobojsa Vujevic, told me beside the members' dining-room a few minutes later. "Economic, mil-

itary, this is a real union." Growing a little plump in middle-age but with his trademark left forelock fringe as dark as ever, Mr Seselj – whose brutal militiamen fought their way through Croatia and Bosnia went much further. "We don't neighbours could still feel Rushave a single member who does not realise that our future lies in the East," he shouted. "There is not a single Orthodox person - not a single patriot - who has not turned to the East. We can say bad things about a mother and we have been angry with our mother - hut Mother Russia assures us that we are not alone in this world."

The strikes against Yugoslavia, Mr Seselj told us, would not achieve Nato's aim. "Nato will break its teeth deep in the Balkans. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will never capitulate, even if they impose greater destruction on us. We for our children. We Serbian are linked by history, culture and civilisation and Belarus."

He was the only one to talk of Mother Russia. The rest -Velizar Nikcevic, Milan Perisic, Gorica Gasevic, even Momir Bulatovic, the Yugoslav federation's Montenegran Prime Minister with his bushy stand-up hair and groomed moustache sounded more like fraternal

delegates of another generation. We heard about aggression and "human potentials", about the violation of peace-loving peoples, of imperialism and world hegemony. Was it the union of Russia and Belarus that Yugoslavia was voting to join, or the Warsaw Pact? Mother Russia, if you believed what you beard in the Yugoslav parliament yesterday, was still the Soviet Union, "It was Seselj who first went to Belarus and met Lukashenko," a Serb journalist remarked afterwards. "It's all the idea of the Radical Party. But even the Russian-Belarus union is not yet functioning."

It was, then, a political-propaganda gesture, but by no means an empty one. Vuk Draskovic's Serb Renewal Party had never been so keen on this Slavic amalgamation. But now Yugoslav MPs line up to show their patriotism, even if they have to dance with Cossacks or the Sava river bridge as part of Belgrade's human shield.

Russia, too, may be prepared to accept Yugoslavia's new allegiance. President Boris Yeltsin's proposals for contact group and G8 meetings were dismissively turned down by the West. And Russia - as every member of the Yugoslavia's partiament could tell you - is very angry.

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Moscow may have national interests that go far beyond the Balkans, hut many Yugoslav diplomats believe it could, ultimately, furnish military aid to Belgrade if the Nato strikes continue. If Yugoslavia is surrounded by Nato countries and with what Serbs call the "tryingto-be-Nato" countries, its sia's anger, Hungary's agreement to allow a reduced Russian aid convoy to pass through its territory to Serbia (minus five armoured vehicles and half its fuel trucks) was a sign for Serbs that even Budapest does not want to enrage Moscow now.

"Nations which surrendered themselves too easily to th West's plans are already feeling the negative impact," Mr Seselj announced. "The West wants to impoverish them... I know our decision will be universally approved by the federal parliament. It will give a better future radicals must be one with the

This union cannot be negated." There were suggestions in the parliament yesterday that Romania and Bulgaria should be asked to join the new Slavic union, that only an alliance between Belgrade, Minsk and Moscow could ensure "stability and international peace". It was all heady stuff.

At the start of yesterday's sitting, members stood for a moment's silence - in an auditorium huilt for the old Yugoslavia that stretched from Croatia to Macedonia - in memory of the dead from Nato's bombardment. Emotion was high. Realjournalist noted after the vote. ?
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US angry at **Israel stance**

DIPLOMACY

BY PATRICK COCKBURN in Jerusale

pressing anger over Israel's refusal to give full support to Nato in the Kosovo crisis. Martin Indyk, US Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, is being highly critical during his visit to Israel of the pro-Russian tilt of Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

Mr Indyk suggested that Mr Sharon is refusing to condemn Serbian actions in Kosovo so he can cultivate the Russian Jewish immigrant vote in the Israeli elections next month.

The half-million Russian Jews in Israel will be a critical voting bloc in the 17 May election and are mainly sympathetic to Serbia. In an interview last week Mr Sharon said: "Two thirds of the Russian Israelis are for Bihi [Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister] now. If I can get that up

over 70 per cent, that's it." Mr Indyk reportedly said he did not believe Mr Sharon was acting without the support of the Prime Minister. He also chicies in the government for expanding Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Relations between Wash-

THE UNITED STATES is ex- ington and Mr Netanyahu were already cool because of Israel's failure to implement the Wye Agreement with the Palestini ans brokered by President Bill Clinton last year.

Russian immigrants have played a decisive role in the past two Israeli elections in 1992 and 1996, when the Israeli electorate was evenly split. They favour good relations with Russia, which is home to many of the 916,000 Jews still in the former Soviet Union.

Mr Sharon, now on his third visit to Russia in two months. says his main aim is to stop Russia aiding Iran to develop long-range missiles. Mr Netanyahu has distanced himself somewhat from Mr Sharon, and was vesterday expected to welcome more than 100 Albanian refugees flown from 🖨 Macedonia. Israel already has field hospital in Macedonia.

Israel's first poll to choose a new prime minister is on 17 May with a second round, if nobody wins more than half the votes, on 1 June, Ehud Barak, the candidate of Lahour (now renamed One Israel) is mar-



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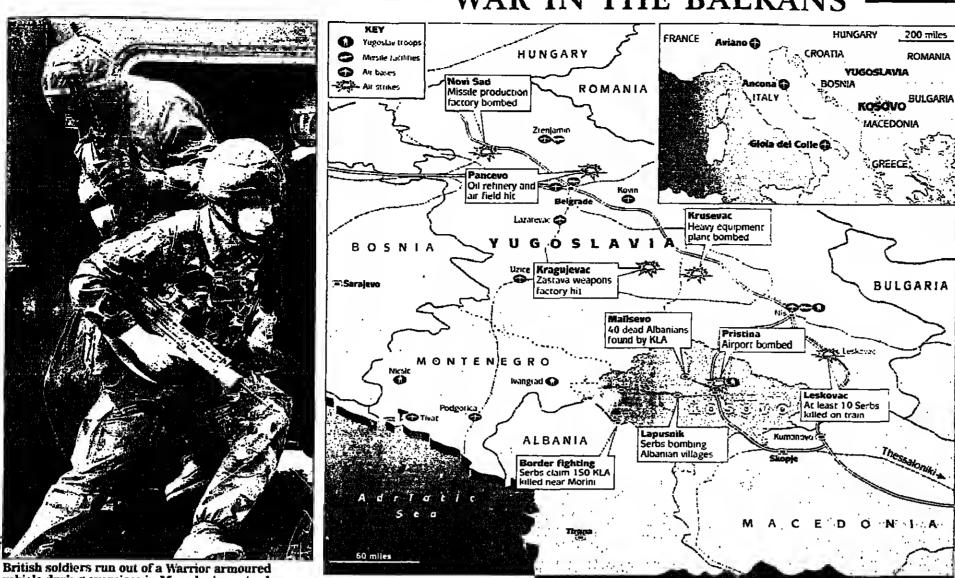
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WAR IN THE BALKANS



vehicle during exercises in Macedonia yesterday Precarious chain of Balkan states teeters on the brink

IT IS THE dog that hasn't figleaf of Albania's neutrality in barked; or rather, that has the face of the devastations barked, but hasn't bitten - at least so far. For despite every dark prediction and major new clashes along the Albanian border, the war over Kosovo has not yet degenerated into fullscale regional chaos.

For the fourth successive day, Yugoslav forces and guerilla units of the Kosovo Libera-Army (KLA) exchanged yesterday across the

ragged frontier region of Tropoje, almost 200 miles north of the Albanian capital, Tirana. The Yugoslav authorities claimed last night to have killed 150 "ter- ing control to Nato of its ports. rorists" who were trying to redeath toll at seven; four KLA fighters and three Albanian citizens. One journalist was also wounded.

In purely military terms the Serb attacks, using machine guns and mortar, are no more than a variant — albeit a fiercer one - of the "bot pursuit" tactics emptoyed in earlier phases of the Kosovo crisis against KLA insurgents operating out of villages and bases on the other side of the frontier. Now, however, any remaining

visited upon the Albanians of Kosovo has vanished. Last night, as eyewitnesses in the area reported continuing heavy explosions, Tirana cast in its lot totally with the alliance, calling on Nato to send its planes and missiles against the Yugoslav

artillery positions responsible

for the shelling. Albania moreover, is both the hub of the humanitarian effort to help the refugees and the almost certain launch pad for any ground war. Tirana's weekend announcement that it was cedairspace and other military inenter Kosovo, but Albanian and frastructure underlined the

> What is more surprising is that the fighting has not yet spread to three other neighbours of Serbia - though there is absolutely no guarantee it will not do so, if Belgrade ups the stakes further, or if the ground war which Nato still rules out begins to look inevitable.

The first of the feared exptosions which have not materialised is Bosnia where, contrary to many expectations, ethnic Serbs have not gone on the attack against the Nato

ANALYSIS

forces preserving an uneasy peace in the country since the Dayton accords of 1995.

Equally precarious, but still outside the war, is Macedonia, the base for 12,000 Nato troops who in happier circumstances were meant to lead the international peacekeeping force for a post-settlement Kosovo. In retrospect, the key to Macedo-

nia's relative stability is the deed for which 10 days ago it was most bitterly criticised; the forced onward expulsion to Albania and elsewhere of the tens of thousands of refugees who bad fled there from the

Though the step certainly compounded the appalling human suffering of the Kosovo



A Serb woman outside the house of her relatives killed in yesterday's Nato air raid over Merdare, north of Pristina

Albanians, it may well have was brandishing last week. It averted a showdown between the Macedonia's Slav majority and its large and restive Albanian minority, creating in effect a second Kosovo - but with 12,000 Nato troops caught in the middle. Indeed, that showdown could yet come,

should the Nato force enter Kosovo against the wisbes of President Milosevic. But the most precarious Balkan domino chain is probably Montenegro, Serbia's junior

and last remaining - partner republic in the Yugoslav federation, where the war has brought strains between the reformist, Westernising government of Milo Djukanovic which lower last year, and the pro Milosevic opposition, backed by the Yugoslav army, to breaking point.

Mr Diukanovic has warned of a civil war if Belgrade tried to fement a coup against him. Yesterday's news that the Yugoslay Parliament had voted to join a "Stav Union" with Russia and Belarus only brings that prospect nearer.

Of itself, the union does not represent much of a step towards the spectre of the wider European war Boris Yeltsin

contains no provisions for mutual defence, or even economic aid. At best, it is a symbolic gesture of solidarity which left even Russia lukewarm. But for Montenegro it could

be the litmus test. The socialist old guard will demand that it assents to the union. But even before the vote in Belgrade, senior Montenegrin officials were insisting the republic's future lay in the European Union and Nato's Partnership for Peace, rather than - as one supporter of Mr Djukanovic put it, in a recourse to "myths" and "Orthodox fundamentalism".

Meanwhile Greece, the Balkans' ricbest Orthodox natightrope between Nato membership and a deep instinctive and historical sympathy for Serbia, its ally against the Turks in Balkan conflicts past.

But there too, tensions are growing. Greeks have long held Albanians responsible for the country's growing crime problem. Now there are reports of frightened Albanian workers returning bome after death threats from Greek nationalist extremists, linked to the Orthodox church.

Clinton tells soldiers: You won't pay tax

US STRATEGY
BY MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

STILL RIDING high in the plans existed for the deploy-Clinton gave his forces a boost in morale yesterday, promising that Americans serving in the combat zone would receive their salaries tax free for the duration of the

ROMANIA

B-52 bomber as his backdrop, Mr Clinton told an audience of pilots and other Air Force personnel that the fight in the Balkans would go on until final victory: "We are deter-mined to continue this mission, and we will prevail," he said to cheers.

Mr Clinton had travelled to the Barksdale Air Force base. Louisiana for only his second rallying of the troops trip in almost three weeks of hostitities. The base, near Shreveport, is home to B-52s and the low-flying A-10 "Warthogs" that are currently deployed against Yugoslavia. After meeting privately

with service families, as is his wont during such visits, Mr Clinton emerged with his Defense Secretary, William Cohen, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Hugh Shelton - the picture of White House Pentagon unity - to deliver his address. It was a renewed justification of US and Nato intervention, emphatic expressions of alliance unity, and an open acknowtedgment of morale problems in the US armed forces as a result of post-Cold War spending cuts. Addressing the toss of senior officers bead-on, be said it was a now a "challenge to maintain a long-term career in the military". "Now we have downsized, we're going to have to work harder to keep

good people."
Mr Clinton's other main message was that, despite mounting political pressure, be still believed that the Kosovo conflict could be won by airpower alone and bad no intention of ordering ground troops into combat in Kosovo. nior administration officials, including the spokesman for the National Security Council, David Leavy, and the Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott, had indicated that

polls for his handling of the ment of ground troops and Kosovo crisis, President Bill had merely to be "dusted off" should the order be given. Yeslerday, however, both Mr Clinton and Mr Cohen discouraged the idea that any such order was imminent. Mr Clinton was due to mee! Congressional leaders on his With the bulky form of a return to Washington to report on the progress of the Nato operation and also start moves towards emergency legislation to bnance the US contribution

> While the tax break Mr Clinton announced for servicemen sets no precedent – a similar concession was



Clinton: Saluting troops at Barksdale Air base

granted to US troops in the Gulf War - the announcement ensured the President an approving audience.

Mr Clinton's first trooprallying excursion - to the Norfolk Naval Base south of Washington - was not the rousing occasion he might have hoped. The poor acoustics of the giant aircraft hangar hampered bis rapport with the audience; there was no identifiably martial backdrop to imprint his status as commander-in-chief on television viewers, and his immediate team tooked uncertain. Mr Clinton ended yesterday's rally with a demonstratively hearty handshake for his Defence Secretary. It was said by observers to be a visual denial - at least for the time being - of rumours that the two were at odds over the Kosovo opera-

RAF hits targets despite cloud cover

IMPROVED INTELLIGENCE on yesterday to have struck Serb targets in Kosovo and Serbia has allowed RAF Harrier GR7s to "bomb blind" accurately through cloud cover for the first time. The development was said to have been aided by better information from the ground, suggesting increased co-operation between Nato forces and Kosovo Liberation Army units. It also suggests that the SAS and other special forces have been deployed in

Kosovo to spot targets. The raids were launched from Gioia del Colle in southern Italy on Sunday, when eight Harriers took off armed with eguided "general purpose"

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General Sir Charles Guthrie. Chief of the Defence Staff, said bombing techniques had been worked on over the past few weeks to improve accuracy without the need to see targets. "As the campaign develops we are able to get more intelligence - some from the ground, some from aircraft and some from satellites. The picture is building up and it is now a much better picture than when we first

the degree of target information and the accuracy of such attacks allows us confidently to ...00lb bombs. Most were said carry them out wbilst min-

imising the risk of collateral damage." The development will be a relief to Nato commanders and pilots, who have seen aircraft carrying taser-guided weapons repeatedly return to base without dropping their bombs because of bad weather. At one point this happened for eight days in a row.

launched attacks," he said. "We are now satisfied that

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um level (about 12.000ft to 15,000ft) have often been above the clouds. Constant surveillance by satellites, spy planes and unmanned "drones" has been building up an accurate picture of potential targets as the campaign has progressed. Troops on the ground, be they from special forces or the KLA. would provide even better information.

The refined technique. which has not been used on real operations before, utilises the Harrier's Global Positioning

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System navigation equipment. a target, then the aircraft can be flown to it and the bombs automatically released by computer when it reaches the optimum point. If this information can be relayed quickly enough, the system could be used to attack Serb tanks or other mobile units as well as buildings and other fixed targets. It can be operated with 1.000lb bombs or with cluster bombs, each of which releases 147 armour piercing bomblets over a wide area.

General Guthrie reported that targets hit on Sunday included a column or military ve-

air missile battery. Yesterday If an accurate "fix" is known of Nato struck an oil refinery north of Belgrade and severa industrial areas, in some cases returning to sites already hit during the campaign.

According to Yugoslav staterun Tanjug news agency, several detonations were beard around Pancevo, north-east of the Belgrade early in the day. Serbian TV showed orange flames leaping into the night sky as fire engulfed Pancevo oil refinery, attacked for the second time. A car factory in Kragujevac that was seriously damaged last week was also targeted again. Parts of the assembly and tools sections were badly

shield the structures from possible Nato air strikes. 11pm: Three KLA guerrillas and a western journalist are reported seriously injured in northern Albania. 11.55pm: Tanjug news agency reports several air strikes.

Monday 12 April

1.40am: Explosions are heard in Pancevo, northeast of Belgrade, where the oil refinery is hit. Batainica military airfield south of Belgrade is hit. The car factory in Kragujevac that was damaged last week is bombed again 9am: Nato foreign ministers meet in Brussels. 2pm: Serbian military official says a passenger train from Leskovac to Skopje in Macedonia was hit in an earlier Nato attack, killing 10 people and injuring 16. rebels from Kosovo have been killed in a border clash with the Yugoslav army between Morina and Kosare. 5.15pm: Albanian news agency Kosova Press says Serb forces are using ethnic Albanian civilians as human shields against Nato strikes.

TIMETABLE DAYS 19 & 20

7pm: Air-raid sirens sound in Belgrade. Thousands of residents congregate on the city's three main bridges to saying one missile hit a residential area of Novi Sad.

12.05am: Nato strikes an oil refinery north of Belgrade. 3.45pm: Tanjug reports that at least 150 ethnic Albanian

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Boy, 14, hired to remove asbestos

BY PAUL LASHMAR AND ANDREW MULLINS

TWO BUSINESSMEN who have left a potential death sentence hanging over three schoolboys pleaded guilty yesterday to using the teenagers to remove asbestos from a factory.

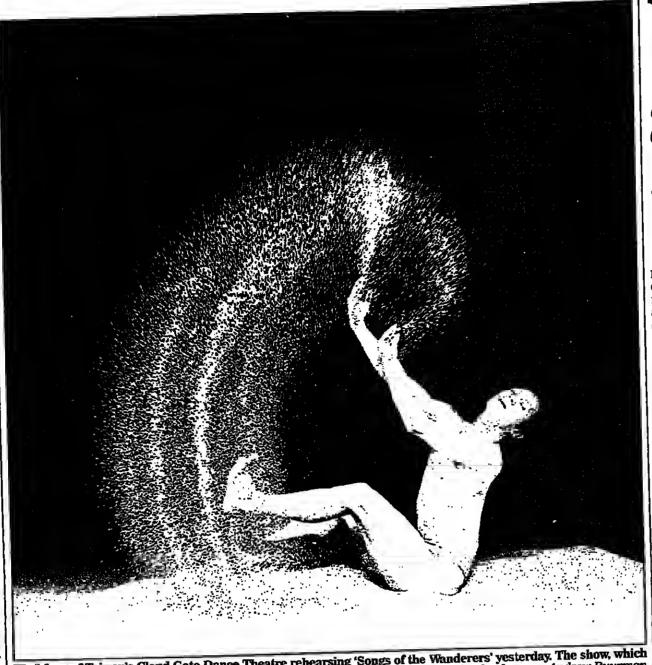
The former England athlete Andrew Medley and his brother Neil, who ran an asbestosremoval business, were on trial at Leeds Crown Court. It was told the brothers employed the boys, one aged 14, and two of 15, to remove the asbestos in 1996. The men admitted other offences involving removal and

Judge John Cockroft told them they would not go to prison but only because the law's maximum sentence did not permit it. But he said: "Only time will tell, in relation to cases of this sort, whether disease caused by exposure to asbestos will cause Parliament to look again at the maximum sentences for these offences."

The case was adjourned to Friday, when the brothers will be sentenced. The judge ordered that the other charges the brothers faced and charges against their firm should lie on file. He also imposed an order banning identification of the schoolboys.

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Wu I-fang of Taiwan's Cloud Gate Dance Theatre rehearsing 'Songs of the Wanderers' yesterday. The show, which arms put beyond use". This was opens at Sadler's Wells in London today, uses three tons of rice to portray changing landscape Andrew Buurman

Ulster gloom as parties restart talks

NORTHERN IRELAND'S politi- BY DAVID MCKITTRICK cal parties reassemble at Stormont today for yet another attempt to break the arms decommissioning impasse and pave the way for the formation of a new devolved government in Belfast.

The political atmosphere was less than encouraging yest-erday, containing large amounts of uncertainty and the familiar pessimism so often felt about the prospects of progress in Northern Ireland.

None the less, the British and Irish governments and many local political elements still bope for a breakthrough, though few believe it will come about without days and probably nights of intense negotiation.

The crucial question is whether Sinn Fein and the IRA continue to set their faces against decommissioning. The draft declaration published by Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern Prime Minister of the Republic, after the last session of talks said there must be "some

Ireland Correspondent

tive act of reconciliation". Sinn Fein has rejected the declaration, with republicans issuing several reiterations that decommissioning is not on offer.

However, the various statements stopped short of slamming the door on further ssions, and did not rule out discussion of the declaration's

central concepts.

One of the first subjects for the new talks will be whether the republicans regard putting some arms beyond use as identical to decommissioning. If they do, then the peace process will enter one of its greatest crises; if they do not then the belief will quickly grow that there

is light at the end of the tunnel. The talks will in the first instance be handled by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, and the Irish Foreign Minister, David Andrews. Mr Blair and Mr Ahern appear to be on standby to go to Belfast, possibly on Thursday, though they may stay away in the event of a total impasse.

Failure to reach agreement could mean the talks might drag on into next week, Comolicating factors will then come into play, including the marching season and the European

Success would mean a new administration should be in existence before the summer, the two governments hoping it would have a stabilising effect and, in the longer term, provide a new model for republican et a ayou

and Unionist co-existence. In the event of failure almost all the blame is likely to be laid at the door of Sinn Fein, given that both the Irish government and the SDLP subscribe to the idea of arms being put beyond use. It is thus likely that the republicans are about to experience huge pressure to come

into line with the declaration. The Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said yesterday: "I have listened to a lot of the words that have come from republicans over the last week. I noticed that they don't repeat what IRA statements had contained up until a fortnight ago - in other words, an adamant refusal to decommission in any circumstances whatsoever. So I think we need to wait and see what their position actually is once you remove the verbiage." Army bomb experts found firing packs yesterday for advanced ground-to-air missiles feared to be in the possession of the IRA. Two used battery packs for the powerful SAM 7 missile were discovered in isolated countryside near Pomeroy, Co Tyrone, police said; -

UN links RUC of Finucane

A UNITED Nations human rights investigator repeated his call yesterday for an independent judicial inquiry into sion in the 1989 killing of the Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane.

The Malaysian jurist Dato Param Cumaraswamy said there was prima facie evidence of security force involvement in the murder and he called for the establishment of a Royal Commission of inquiry into the issue. Mr Finucane was shot dead in front of his wife and three young children by Ulster Freedom Fighters who

burst into his home. The RUC Chief Constable, Sir Ronnie Flanagan, said: This is potentially damaging and I characterise it as being unfair in its allegations, not being based on evidence. I acted instantly on recommendations he had made, so to suggest there has been inaction and complacency is absolutely

without foundation." Mr Cumaraswamy also spoke at the UN human rights commission in Geneva on the car bomb murder last month of the solicitor Rosemary Nelson. He noted that she had lodged complaints against RUC offi-

BY DAVID MCKITTRICK

confidence in the force's investigatory mechanisms. Referring to the Finncane case, he said he was "even more convinced now that there is a stronger case made out for a Royal Commission into that murder to ascertain whether there was security forces, including RUC, collusion in that murder.

Sir Ronnie has called in outside police forces to investigate the Nelson killing. Vesterday the FBI, which is taking part, said it was fully confident that all appropriate lines of inquiry were being pursued. Speaking at RUC headquarters in Belfast, the FBI legal attache John E. Guido paid tribute to the force's "very dedicated and professional inquiry team".

Norfolk Deputy Chief Constable Colin Port, who is to lead the investigation, said he would head a team of 50 officers from six different forces. "It is clear that without the involvement of RUC officers my investigation would be severely handicapped. Working together affords the greatest opportunity to prosecute those responsible for this vile and

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IN BRIEF

Brooking is English sports chief

TREVOR BROOKING, aged 50, the football pundit and former England and West Ham star, was appointed vesterday as chairman of the English Sports Council. said Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary. Tony Banks, Sports minister, had lobbied for Tessa Sanderson, the former Olympic javelin champion, who will be offered the post of vice-chairman when it becomes vacant in

'Hounding' secretary sentenced

GILLIAN HARTSHORNE, a secretary who hounded David Canter, a criminal psychologist, after he declined to put her on the permanent staff at Liverpool University was ordered by a court to do 240 hours' community

Boy, two, drowns in canal

A BOY aged two drowned after falling into a canal while on a day out with his parents, police said yesterday.

Joe Hutcheon fell into the Leeds-Liverpool canal in Blackburn, Lancashire on Saturday afternoon.

Meningitis kills teenage girl A 15-YEAR-OLD girl has died from meningitis, health

chiefs said yesterday. Helen Driver, from Clitheroe. Lancashire, became ill on Friday and died in hospital on Sunday.

Coronation Street star bankrupt

BILL ROACHE has declared himself bankrupt because of the legal costs of proving he was not as boring as his Coronation Street character, Ken Barlow.



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whose conviction for murdering a policeman was quashed 45 years after the teenager was hanged, will not receive any compensation, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said yesterday,

He said the circumstances of the case fell outside the compensation scheme; he had considered using his discretionary powers to order a payout but decided against it. He also argued that the Court of Appeal judgment last July did not completely exonerate Bentley.

Bentley's niece, Maria Bentley-Dingwall, and his brother Dennis said they would seek a judicial review to try to overturn the ruling. Bentley's niece said she wept when she heard the news. The compensation would have represented for my family some form of justice in a very small way." Any money she did receive would go towards fighting capital punishment in the US and setting up a scholarship in Britain.

Bentley, 19, was convicted with 16-year-old Christopber Craig of the shooting of Sidney Miles during a break-in at a confectionery warehouse in Croydon, south London, in 1952, although it was Craig who fired the fatal shot. Bentley was convicted on the word of policemen who said he told his accomplice: 'Let him have it, Chris."

The jury was never told Bentley had a mental age of 11. Controversy over the case belped to fuel the campaign for erturned on the basis that the in 1952 for murder and cleared umming-up and direction to last year.

THE FAMILY of Derek Bentley. By JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

> the jury of the trial judge, Lord Cbief Justice Lord Goddard, was flawed on several counts. Yesterday Mr Straw said

that because Bentley's conviction was overturned on the basis of mistakes by the judge. his case fell outside the compensation scheme. There were no other "sufficiently exceptional" circumstances leading up to his conviction to merit a payment. Mr Straw said: "I am decply sorry Derek Bentley was executed as a result of a miscarriage of justice and that the quashing of his conviction has come so late ... My decision not to make a compensation payment must not be interpreted as detracting from Derek Bentley's acquittal,"

Bentley's relatives intend challenging the decision in the English courts and, if necessary; the European Court of Human Rights.

Ms Bentley-Dingwall said: "As soon as they killed him my family gave up their lives to make sure he was exonerated. What price can you put on that? It's just a form of justice for us. We can't take anyone to court for Derek's killing. This is our only form of retribution, I really thought we would receive something."

No compensation payments have been made to relatives of people wrongfully executed. But it is believed the Home Office is preparing to pay relatives of Mahmood Mattan, executed



A portrait by the Dutch Old Master, Frans Hals

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art looted by Nazis

MORE THAN £20m of paint- BY DAVID LISTER ings and other works of art belooging to one of Europe's wealthiest families, the Rothschilds, are to be sold in Britain. The sale will be the most important single-owner collection to come on to the UK

The sale in July will be the culmination of a saga that started in 1938 with the Nazis seizing the Rothschild art treasures. The collection, belonging to the wealthy Barons Louis and Alphons von Rothschild, was looted by the SS on 12-13 March 1938, within 24 hours of the Anschluss. Hitler's annexation of Austria.

The Austrian government received the collection back after the Second World War when American GIs discovered it hidden in a ski resort in the Austrian Tyrol.

It is believed that Nazi officials intended to put the collection on display at the proposed Hitler Museum in Linz, the Führer's home town. The family had been trying

to recover the treasures for many years. And in November 1998 the Austrian government EPA/Sinead Lynch finally passed a law whereby

Arts News Editor

art looted by the Nazis was returned to its rightful owners. Christie's has been asked to bandle the sale of the 250 paintings, sculptures and items of furniture by the eldest Rothschild descendant, Bettina Looram. cousin of Lord Rothschild. She decided to

lection to be exported. The collection also contains scientific instruments, armour and rare Persian carpets.

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The Rothschild family's

the sale. Christie's chairman. Lord Hindlip, said: "The palace in which this collection was housed was reduced to rubble. so were their investments. their factories, their wealthproducing powers. The Rothschilds in Austria suffered in financial terms more than in any other part of the world,"

Among the paintings are three portraits by the Dutch Old Master. Frans Hals, One of the most striking is of the Amsterdam merchant Tieleman Roosterman. It is expected to fetch \$3.5m. Alexander Hope, an Old Masters specialist at Christie's auction bouse, said the painting is one of Hals' finest: "Hals is a master of characterisation. For this painting to come on the market is extraordinary," he said.

The furniture includes a royal commode by Jean-Henri Riesener, supplied to King Louis XVI in 1778.

There are also two 16thcentury manuscripts. One of them, worth £3m, is the Rothschild Prayer Book containing 67 full-page miniatures. It is considered one of the great achievements of Renaissance manuscript illumination.



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Protest jams cities and motorways

BY PHILIP THORNTON Transport Correspondent

THOUSANDS OF lorry drivers jammed motorways and blocked city centres across Britain yesterday in the latest protest at big rises in road and fuel taxes

In an unlikely alliance, truckers, pig farmers and taxi drivers converged oo central London. causing traffic chaos and turning some roads into giant lorry

Manchester city centre was brought to a standstill and lorries crowded into Edinburgh, Exeter, Plymouth, Newcastle, Truro and Middlesbrough, Motorways suffered major congestion, with the M1, M2, M4, M25 and M56 brought to a standstill by large oumbers of trucks and police escorts.

In Loodoo a delegation of truckers marched on 10 Downing Street to hand in a petition, demanding urgent talks to resolve the crisis. But the Government rejected their demands, saying for the second time that it would not be "held to ransom" by protest action.



The Road Haulage Associa- Bridge, told the truckers: "We tion (RHA) warned that bundreds of small hauliers and

family firms would be put out of business unless the Government backed down.

are all here because we are devastated by the way that the Government has treated our industry - destroying us in a way that means in a year's time many of you will not be here

at all, which is unacceptable." He said that huge rises in vehicle excise duty and diesel duty were allowing continental hauliers, using environmentally unfriendly vehicles. to undercut British firms.

The Government are destroying our industry and destroying small family husinesses that have been going for many years and causing enormous personal anguish when people are losing their homes

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ordinated by Trans-action, a group set up in protest at the Budget measures. Frank Stears, an organiser, said some drivers were so angry that they were prepared to mount a Channel ports blockade. "If we don't hear anything

this week we will bave talks about future action, but we don't know what it would be yet. Others want to take more drastic action, such as a blockade, which I don't want because it will upset everyone in the UK." He said he was oot asking

the Government to rewrite the Budget but to bold talks with truckers. After a similar protest in London in February, the Government set up a forum of transport and Treasury ministers and heads of the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association.

But ministers refused to meet Mr Stears, prompting the RHA to switch its allegiance to Trans-action. Mr Stears said: Let's have talks with Transaction. Why not ask the people who actually do the job?"

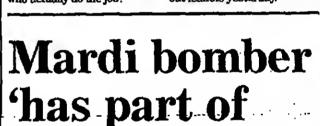
John Reid, the Transport minister, condemned the truckers for "inflicting misery on the public rather than pursuing useful discussions". He said the Government had responded by setting up the industry forum. "The taxpayer cannot be expected to hand an open cheque to the road haulage industry. We will cootinue to work with the industry, but neither the Government nor the public will he beld to

Roads into the capit

The Licensed Taxi Drivers Association said that some 1,000 cabbies had joined in the protest. "The continual increase in fuel prices is having the effect of a tax on taxi journeys," said a spokesman.

The National Farmers Union said that fuel tax rises were the latest blow to the pig industry following tougher welfare standards.

The issue has started to attract support from extreme right-wing groups. The Britisb National Party was banding out leaflets yesterday.



brain missing'

THE MAN who admitted last veek to being the Mardi Gra extortionist and bomber has part of his brain missing, it was claimed in court yesterday.

Edgar Pearce, 61, of Chiswick, west London, was due to be sentenced at the Old Bailey for a three-year terror and blackmail campaign aimed at Barclays Bank and Sainsbury supermarkets, plus a number of randomly selected companies and individuals in London and the South-east.

But after details of Pearce's condition emerged, the case was adjourned until tomorrow so a neuropsychiatrist could

Pearce, who pleaded guilty to a blackmail campaign in which homemade bombs were hidden inside empty video cassette boxes, was remanded in custody by Michael Hyam, the Recorder of London. But the judge warned that Pearce should oot raise his hopes of being sent to a hospital under the Mental Health Act, rsther

Judge Hyam added that there were "very scanty grounds" for thinking that a section under the Act would be appropriate, but he allowed the defeodant received his rights.

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BY JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

swanger's dementia, a condition in which blood clots cause

an area of the brain to die. Pearce suffered a form of seizure or stroke in 1992, which resulted in a severe personality change. He was unaware of what had happened, but was under the impression that be had been knocked down by a bicycle when be collapsed. The court was told that although doctors had been unclear about what had happened to him, a recent scan bad shown that part

of his hrain was missing. Ms Radford argued that if be were sent to prison, instead of to a special hospital such as Broadmoor, his condition would deteriorate to dementia and early death. He needed special medical and psychiatric therapy to help him come to terms with his environment, she said.

Earlier, the court was told that Pearce got the idea for his bombing campaign from watching a televisioo programme about a former police officer who tried to hlackmail

the food company Heirz. The police caught Pearce after setting up an elaborate trap that involved hundreds of officers watching automatic rested in April last year after he attempted to withdraw money

Solstice ban on Stonehenge ends

WILTSHIRE POLICE will not By ALLAN SMITH apply for the usual four-mile exclusion zone around Stonehenge this year over the summer solstice.

The landowner, English Hertage, says the stones will be closed to the general public although it intends to allow limited access to more than 100 people with bookings.

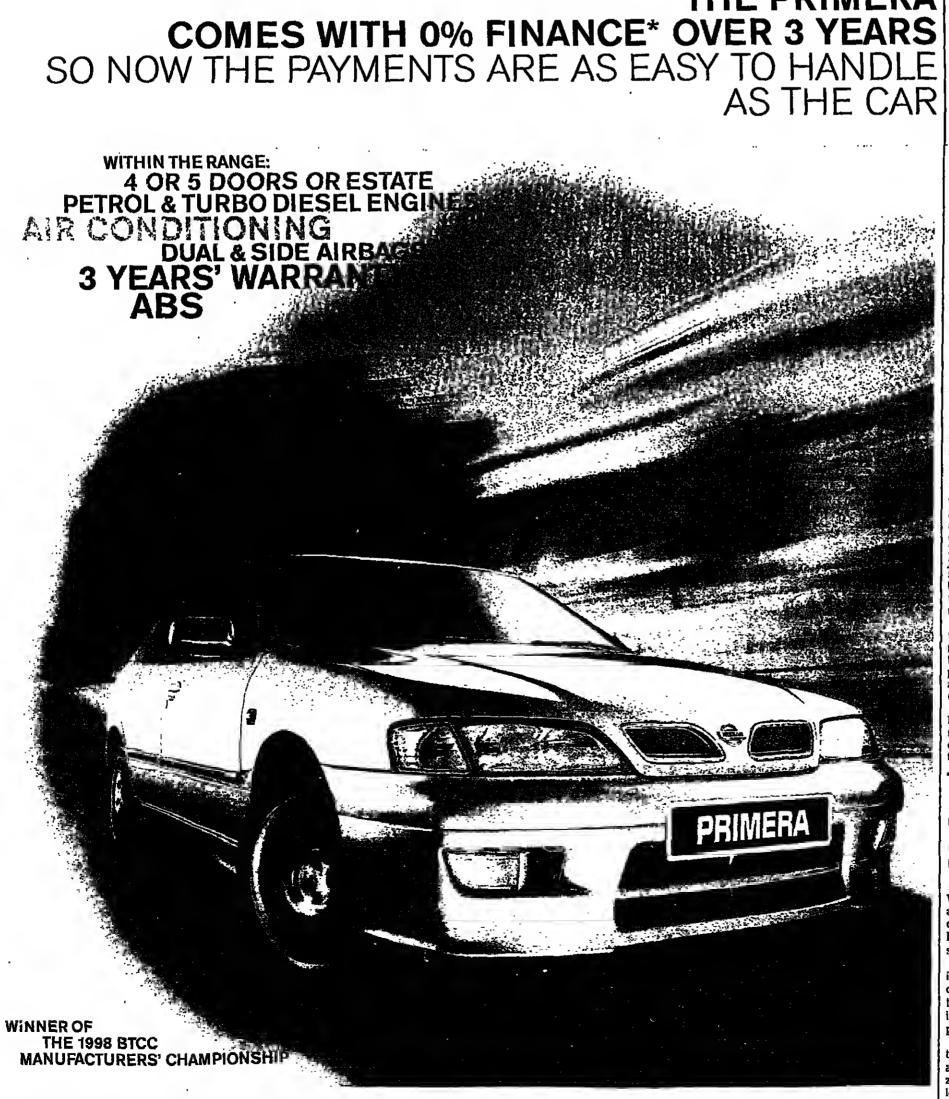
English Heritage is now in talks with police over security arrangements. The exclusion zone was brought in after violent clashes hetween police and new-age travellers at the so-called Battle of the Beanfield

The ban was used to stop

numbers of vehicles and trav ellers converging near the monument site. Its success could be seen in the rapidly dwindling numbers over past years - and the lack of trouble.

But a recent ruling in the House of Lords beld that the public had a right of passageway along the highway, provided there was no nuisance or

Last year about a hundred people attended the solstice celebrations at the stone circle, including Druids, pagans, astronomers, archaeologists and



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Teach in Hull and housing is free

TEACHERS ARE being offered By JUDITH JUDD AND two years' free housing if they go to work in Hull. The education authority says it will provide good-quality homes at Bransholme, Europe's biggest bousing estate, which has a notorious past as a place plagued by drugs and crime.

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A council spokeswoman said: "We want to attract talented young teachers to Hull. This will also allow other teachers who want to come here to move without worrying about selling their houses."

Teachers will be offered twoyear contracts and can move elsewhere if they wish.

The spokeswoman said the Bransholme estate had improved after council initiatives. Many of the residents say the estate has a problem with perBEN RUSSELL

the scheme is successful, it may be extended.

A similar scheme was tried during the teacher recruitment crisis in the late Eighties. The Inner London Education Authority offered subsidised, but not free, housing. Neil Fletch-er, education officer of the Local Government Association, said that scheme, which finished when Ilea was disbanded in 1990, had always been oversubscribed.

Figures published yesterday showed a fall in the proportion of children in classes over 30 at infant and junior level. David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, said the Government was on target to meet its pledge to cut all infant

class sizes to 30 hy 2001. He said: "For the first time in 10 years we are seeing a fall in primary class sizes and an ception rather than reality." If end to year-on-year increases



The Bransholme estate in Hull, which the local authority says no loager deserves its reputation as a centre for crime and drugs David Barr

in the number of pupils in large classes." He said the figures would confound critics, who have claimed that cuts in infant class sizes would increase class sizes for older children.

In January, there were 356,000 pupils aged five to seven in classes of more than 30, down from 485,000 the year before, Mr Blunkett pointed to fig-

ures showing an overall 12,000

mary school places and a slight fall in the proportion of junior school children in classes over 30. Average junior class sizes increased slightly.

The fears raised by our critics are shown to have been without foundation, he said. "We have been able to ensure that significantly more children will be able to get into their children who were displaced average class sizes for juniors.

increase in the number of pri-first-choice school than would otherwise be the case. Twelve thousand extra

> places at popular schools will be provided to enhance parental choice across the country.

Three thousand infant school places had been lost in schools that were unable to expand reduced classes to 30 children - but "almost all" of the

were offered places in schools where test results were as good or better. An extra 2,700 teachers had been taken on, Mr Blunkett said.

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman. said that although average primary class sizes fell slightly. they were still larger than in 1997, with a slight increase in

"Two years ago Labour ministers condemned the Tory legacy on class sizes. They said a third of primary school children in classes of more than 30 was a 'shocking indictment' of the Tories. Yet under Labour nearly 32 per cent are in classes of more than 30," he said.

Theresa May, the shadow Schools minister, said the number of pupils aged five to seven

HALL OF FAME

Hull gave the world the slavery abolitionist William Wilherforce, aviator Amy Johnson, poet Philip Larkin, actress Maureen Lipman, playwright John Godber, and John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister.

It has twinning links with Freetown, Sierra Leone, Rotterdam and

■ Attractions include Hull Truck Theatre Company and the Ferens contemporary-art gallery.

It hosts the International Sea Shanty Festival, where visitors can enjoy shanty-singing and maritime-crafts demonstrations. But locals recognise that the place has had an

image problem summed up in the 16th-century saying: "From Hull, Hell and Halifax, good Lord deliver us. Councillors and business leaders recently went to New York to consult spindoctors on how to change its image.

in classes of more than 30 had actually increased by 11,000 since a government survey in September, though it was down

year on year. She said: "It is no comfort to parents whose choice of school has been reduced to hear that somewhere else in the country another parent has been more

successful in getting their child

into the school of their choice.'

Quarter of patients wait four days to see a doctor

ONE IN four people needing to BY JEREMY LAURANCE see a GP has to wait at least four days for an appointment, according to a survey.

One in five said the wait was too long and, of those referred to a hospital specialist, one in three believed the condition worsened while they ted. One in seven said they to wait in pain.

Health Editor

national government survey of patients' views of the National Health Service found most people were satisfied with the care they received but wanted it

More than 30 per cent had seen their GP in the past year The findings from the first and nine out of ten considered

agnosis most of the time. However, inconvenient surgery hours put off many patients, including one in four women Nearly 40 per cent of adults

complained of difficulty getting through to the surgery on the phone and one in five encountered difficult receptionists source of growing discontent once they had made contact. among patients. A demand for

the GP, 40 per cent considered they were not always told enough about their condition. Women were twice as likely as men to want to be seen hy a doctor of their own sex.

The Association of Community Health Councils said long waits for appointments was a

he or she had made the right di- When they did manage to see maximum waiting times for said delays were an inevitable routine appointments is to be consequence of an appoint- ation said the delays reflected dehated at the association's ments system. "In the old days the national shortage of 1,000 annual conference in July. A the doctor would see as many spokeswoman said: "We are as turned up and if there were aware of the burden on accident a lot they would be rushed the resources to do so," a and emergency departments. If primary care services are not in an appointments system you coping, the pressure will be felt

elsewhere in the system." chairs the Patients' Association, and see what they can do."

through. As soon as you bring get an element of delay. It is not ideal and I hope doctors will However Claire Rayner who take on board these findings

GPs. "We would like to devote more time to patients if we had spokeswoman said.

Tighter restrictions on prescribing the heroin substitute methadone and better training for GPs in treating drug addicts are among proposals heing

considered by the Government, The new guidelines for family doctors are part of the Government's anti-drug strategy and are intended to destroy the hlack market in methadone.

Under proposals from a medical working group, only GPs who have had extra training would be able to treat addicts and prescribe controlled drugs such as methadone.

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pagne area, serving both

gastronomic menus and champagne dinners. The hotel can arrange a free visit to local wine cellars and, although this does not include wine tasting, we're sure that it will be an insight into the Champagne world!

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are large and sumptiously decorated, with en suite bathrooms. The Hostellerie also boasts wine-cellars holding vintages dating back to 1929 to accompany its restaurant's fine gastronomic

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Cost of bishops doubles in 10 years

THE CHURCH Commissioners BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH have rejected suggestions that bishops are living the high life while parish clergy struggle to make ends meet, despite figures showing that bishops are spending twice as much as a decade ago.

The annual accounts, published vesterday, showed that the Church Commissioners of England spent £8.8m last year on bisbops, compared with £4.3m in 1989. The figure covers the upkeep of the bishops' personal and office accommodation and the salaries of their 250 staff.

This was in contrast to £20m spent on parochial ministry support within the Church of England, which has declined from £58.6m in 1989.

The accounts were published as it emerged that one hishop had beld a champagne breakfast to celebrate Easter and that others had been criticised for their expenses claims.

But a spokesman for the commissioners said: "The hulk of the costs are to help 113 bishops who are employing staff to help them go about their work and as time goes on they are increasingly busy and have more work to do."

He said the commissioners were legally obliged to pay for the bishops and for clergy pensions, the cost of which has risen steeply in the past 10 years, and that they did not have a legal responsibility to support the parochial ministries. "We have had to cut back on the money we give to the clergy because we-

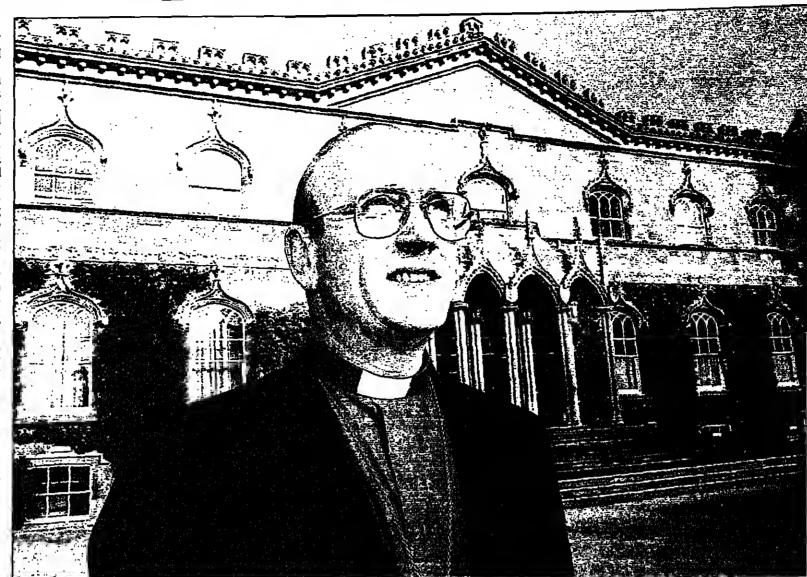
a year on pensions as opposed to £49.5m 10 years ago.

Julian Hewitt, a spokesman for Salisbury diocese, said most bishops tried to keep down costs. He said the Right Rev David Stancliffe, the Bishop of Salisbury, had indeed held a champagne breakfast reception but it had been a ticket event and everyone who came had paid towards their drinks. "The Bishop works very hard and very long hours and it is pretty awful to imply that be is living the high life when, in fact, he leads a very simple life," he said.

A spokeswoman for Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said that although his wife often travelled with him her costs were paid for hy the receiving church. Everyone at Lambeth Palace

is very conscious that our salaries are paid for by other people and we are very careful not to waste money," she said. But the Rev Edward Underhill of St George's Church in

Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, said that while most bishops led a simple lifestyle, they had be-come too managerial. "Bishops used to spend time in their diocese doing pastoral work but now they spend a lot of time and money travelling to London for meetings. There is no reason why some of the dioceses should not be amalgamated as long as there was a good administrative team and then they could get rid



The Archbishop of York at his official residence. Bishopthorpe Palace, described as 'ruinously expensive to keep up' North News and Pictures

Life of genteel poverty inside swanky palaces

WHEN YOU see the fantastic palaces in which some hishops live it is easy to suppose the inhabitants are rich. The chance of becoming Archbishop of York and getting to live in Bish-opthorpe Palace is surely one of the best arguments for Christian belief. Dr David Hope was almost certainly the hishop accused by a Sunday newspaper of spending more than £160,000 last year. It made him seem like an example of Anglican extravagance. But he isn't.

The palace at Bishopthorpe has a staff of 15, so their average salary is about £10,000. Bishops do have a better deal financially than priests in the Church of England - their salary is roughly double. But they live like doctors, not like lawyers and, when they retire, they come down with a bump.

At the top of the Cburch of England, you are in a world of privilege, I remember leaning on the battlements of Windsor Cas-

while tourists bustled beneath us. Not even God would have felt our social superior then. But this grandeur came with the job, and departed with it, too, When my friend retired, he remarked how odd it was to have to buy a house for the first time. The profits that others make from home ownership were not for him.

This is not to say that bishops are cheap to run. Nearly £9m was spent on 113 hishops last tle with an Old Etonian bishop, year, which works out at about ence, when 800 bishops from moderation are everywhere. bishop of Canterbury had an in-

ure is misleading, for it covers not just the hisbops' salaries but also the salaries of their 250 staff. Since 50 of these employees are at Lambeth Palace and 15 more at Bishopthorpe, on average a bishop will have just one secretary and possibly one chaplain, neither of them very well paid.

The second reason that the figure is misleading is that it includes much of the £2m cost of last year's Lambeth Confer-

looking across to his old school. £80,000 per hishop. But the fig- around the world spent three The first time I dined with an come of £19,000 a year, equivaweeks in Canterbury. That was a lot of money to spend to give the hishop of Enugu in Nigeria a chance to exorcise, on live television, the general secretary of the lesbian and gay Christian movement. But it was probably an unrepeatable way for the church to waste money.

The outward splendours of the Church of England are impressive, but within the great stone buildings little touches of

Archbishop at his palace we drank Wine Society claret rather than anything grander.

Most of the grandest buildings of the church are uninsurable and unsaleable, Auckland Castle, where the Bishop of Durham lives, was built when the inhabitants were powerful figures on a lawless frontier. Until 1832, the bishop had a private army to keep out the Scots. In those days, too, the Arch-

lent to several million pounds today. Nowadays the family of the Bishop of Durham huddle in one wing of the castle. If the Church could sell the rest it

would. But who would buy it? The Sunday newspaper said that the Bishop of Salisbury had hosted an Easter champagne breakfast. It didn't mention it was a fund-raising event, for which £2.50 tickets were sold. I bet the champagne was rotten too.

ANDREW BROWN

HOW THEY REALLY LIVE

George Carey, the Archbishop of

Canterbury Lives in a three-bedroom flat in Lambeth Palace. There are three staff flats as well as two floors of offices and several reception rooms.

Jim Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Weils

Lives in servants' quarters of a 13th-century moated palace in Wells. The gardener, the chaplain and the warden also live there and the tilshop's staff are based there. Rooms are available to hire and the palace and gardens are open to the public.

Richard Chartres, Bishop of London Lives with his family in the converted attic of the

old Deanery, opposite St Paul's Cathedral, The basement is rented out to a firm of solicitors and the other floors are used as offices and meeting rooms for his staff.

David Stancliffe, **Bishop of Salisbury**

The former Bishop's Palace has been converted into a school. The bishop lives in a house on the Cathedral Close. He holds meetings in the kitchen.

David Bentley, Bishop

of Gloucester Lives in a family-sized house which was built : about 40 years ago. There are offices for his staff of a secretary and chaplain.

Michael Turnbull. **Bishop of Durham**

Lives in an apartment in one wing of Auckland Castle, where the Bishops of Durham have lived since medieval times. As/ well as offices for staff, some rooms are let out for functions, .





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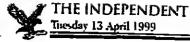
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Blair is ready for mid-term struggle

TONY BLAIR invited the voters BY ANDREW GRICE to pass judgement on his first Political Editor two years in power as he fired the starting gun yesterday for the biggest mid-term electoral test for a government in the past 25 years.

The Prime Minister made clear that Labour would fight on "big picture" issues such as health, education, the economy and cash help for families. He played down local government and Europe, even though local elections take place in 362 authorities on 6 May, and the European Parliament poll follows on 10 June.

Insisting that Labour was delivering its election pledges after taking "tough decisions", Mr Blair ordered Labour candidates to highlight the £40hn cash boost for health and education, the minimum wage, the New Deal programme for the jobless, the 10p starting rate of income tax, and the biggestever rise in child benefit.

Mr Blair told a London press conference that Labour's achievements could be put at risk if nationalists made gains in the first elections to the new Scottish and Welsh assemblies, also on 6 May.

Admitting Labour had a fight ahead, Mr Blair said: "We have to defeat those people who want to split apart the United Kingdom, and wrench Scotland and Wales out of the UK. Devolution within the UK gives us the best of both worlds."

Although Labour is bound to suffer from the "mid-term blues" that afflict all governments, William Hague has more to lose from the May and June polls than Mr Blair, If the Tories do badly, Mr Hague could face moves to oust him this summer.

The Tories' private polls suggest that former Conservative voters who switched to Labour porters "described the Tories as and visibility".

at the 1997 election are unimpressed by Mr Hague. The polls are in line with the findings of Labour's focus groups. that wars usually heip the gov-A recent summary sent to Mr Blair said former Tory supweak, faceless and lacking hoped to gain between 700 and charisma, all connected to a 800 seats in the local governperceived lack of leadership

Hague is that Mr Blair may

benefit from a "Kosovo effect" ing itself for losses of between in the elections. Although the 1,200 and 1,300 seats, a more re-Prime Minister said yesterday alistic estimate than the 2,000 the two events were "entirely figure originally produced hy separate", Tory officials say the party's headquarters.

ernment of the day. The Tories, who originally ment elections, say they have now revised their target down-Another headache for Mr wards to "below 400".

But Labour claims It is hrac-

and the Liberal Democrats losing about 200. They say Labour could lose

Independent experts say the Tories need to make 1,000 gains just to perform as well as they did in their 1997 general election rout. Colin Rallings and in Bristol. Michael Thrasher of the University of Plymouth predict

er say Labour could also be dethat the Tories should gain prived of its overall majority in Milton Keynes, North East Lin-1,300 seats in England alone.

with Labour losing about 1,100 coinshire, and York. Principal Conservative targets include Bromsgrove, Gedling and

control of Sheffield, the Liberal Democrats' top target, Calderdale, Kirklees, and Trafford. Labour is also worried by the Liberal Democrat advance

Mr Rallings and Mr Thrashsuch a low level of interest as

evidence that wide-ranging town hall reforms are needed - such as the creation of South Ribble. A key battledirectly elected mayors. ground will be Hertfordshire, Today the Tories will launch

hutter issues".

their campaign for the local

trol in five of the six district elections by promising to stand councils it holds. up for "the small man" against Labour officials are worried big government." The move is about voter apathy. Turnouts as part of Mr Hague's new brand low as 10 per cent are expectof "kitchen table Conservatism" in which his party will ed in some inner city areas, and Mr Blair is expected to seize on concentrate on the "bread and

where Labour could lose con-

Britons planned BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

Initiation

rites for

US-STYLE "welcoming" ceremonies could be used for all new British citizens under plans being drawn up by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary.

He told the Foundation for Citizenship pressure group yesterday that new citizens should be allowed to celebrate publicly "this key rite of passage".

In the US, he said, new citizens were treated to "tearjerking" ceremonies, singing the national anthem and swearing allegiance to the flag.

But the Home Office had no means of holding similar eveots, diminishing the concept of citizenship, he added. "Citizenship is oot just about legal rights and legal enforcement. It should also have a positive, proactive side. Citizenship is something worth celebrating.

"We have not been good at doing this. Canada and Australia honour new citizens with public ceremonies and citations. In Britain we send a certificate through the post. And we make people wait two years for it, such is the delay in processing applications.

Although most British people preferred to regard themselves as Londoners or Liverpudlians, rather than as "citizens", international agreements such as the Treaties of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights were forcing a rethink of rights and responsi-



Tony. Blair and John Prescott launching Labour's campaigns for the local and European polls at a London press conference David Rose

New Assemblies: Scotland and Wales manifestos unveiled Anti-bombing Salmond hits an all-time low with voters

By STEPHEN GOODWIN Scotland Correspondent LEADERSHIP was a key issue in the Scottish Parliament elections yesterday as Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, struggled to put a brave face on

> sonal standing with the electorate has hit an all-time low. Mr Salmond has learnt the hard way that the public does not like party leaders criticising a war effort when our forces are involved. A quarter of Scots polled said Mr Salmond's condemnation of the Nato bombing of Yugoslavia made them less likely to vote SNP.

an ICM poll showing his per-

In a choice of best First Minister of the home rule government, 55 per cent of respondents picked Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary. and only 25 per cent opted for Mr Salmond. Last year the two

Mr Salmond brushed aside suggestions that his Kosovo hroadcast had rebounded and

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Donald Dewar scored top marks in opinion poll

dismissed claims of a rift with his closest adviser, Mike Russell, party chief executive. "There have been some daft stories but that was the daftest I have seen so far," he said.

Mr Dewar has unveiled Labour's manifesto for the 6 May election. Last week Tony Blair and Gordon Brown hogged the stage in Scotland.

party's Unionist message. The manifesto was largely a rehash of promises already made, focusing on education, and could have been implemented

without a devolved parliament. Mr Dewar's initial act as First Minister would he an "education for a nation" Act, introducing community schools, more computers, a nursery place for all children aged three mocrats 16 and Tories 11.

for the best teachers.

He announced a new statutory duty on ministers and local authorities to meet targets for school performances, warning: If the Education Minister doesn't make the grade, he or she won't be the Education Minister."

Labour was believed to have brought its manifesto launch forward by 24 bours so it would not overshadowed by grim news for Glasgow today.

The Norwegian conglomer ate Kvaerner is expected to close its Govan shipyard and Clydebank engineering company with the probable loss of up to 2,000 jobs. Mr Dewar said "far more" jobs had been created than lost since Labour came to power and the claimant count in Scotland was at its lowest since 1977.

The poll, for The Scotsman. showed Labour winning 60 seats in the 129-member par-

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"Scotland leading Britain" is the Plaid Cymru denies it wants independent Wales

PLAID CYMRU launched its By MICHAEL BRISTOW manifesto for the Welsh Assembly elections yesterday by saying it is not calling for an

independent Wales. However, the party president, Dafydd Wigley, said he hoped the Assembly would be given more powers in future.

The Welsh Labour Party responded by saying Plaid Cymru wanted to separate Wales from Britain, which would put the principality £6bn into the red. Mr Wigley said in Cardiff:

"Plaid Cymru has never advocated independence. Our objective has been full selfgovernment for Wales. As we build our confidence in our country, I believe people will want to take more powers."

Mr Wigley said giving the Welsh Assembly law-making and tax-raising powers was an objective of his party. The Plaid Cymru manifesto, called Working for the New Wales, contains 80 policy proposals for the next

four years. The party said it would give more support to Welsh husinesses, abolish the internal health market and put more resources into education for the

Other proposals include improving the rail link between North and South Wales, expanding an agri-environmental giving Wales a stronger voice in vorce settlement in history.

Europe by creating a special Assembly minister.

Mr Wigley, MP for Caernarfon, said: "We have set out in our manifesto a comprehensive set of proposals in each of the Assembly's areas of responsibility. They are policies designed according to Welsh priorities and tailored to the realities of

Peter Hain, the Labour Welsh Office minister, hit hack by claiming Plaid Cymru was still following a separatist agenda that would leave Waies £6bn in the red. Mr Hain said: "I challenge them to answer the 16 billion question ... the cost of separating Wales from Britain scheme to boost farming and This would he the biggest di-

Woman Mafia boss arrested

SICILIAN POLICE arrested one By Frances Kennedy of Italy's few female Mafia bosses yesterday as she was having breakfast in her home town oear Catania.

Surprised in a friend's apartment, Concetta Scalisi, 45, did oot lose her head. As memhers of the anti-Mafia squad told her she was under arrest, she smashed a glass and began slashing her stomach and hands with one of the shards. The aim of the welldressed Sicilian matron, one of a handful of female mafiosi, was appareotly to ensure she went to hospital rather than to Catania's high-security prison.

Ms Scalisi has been oo the run since September. She is charged with belonging to Cosa Nostra and organising a triple murder. Unlike other women, who are increasingly active in what was once a male domain, she was not said to be simply passing on orders from a jailed husband or having Mafia properties put in her name.

"Concetta is the boss, the number one of the Scalisi clan." explained Enzo Montemagno, head of the Catania anti-Mafia squad, "She is brains of the organisation. It is one of the few cases in Italy where a woman is really running the show."

He described Ms Scalisi as a well turned out, conservatively dressed matron "whose expression made it clear she was not someone to be messed

Married with two adult chiling her father, Antonino, the in Rome

in a Mafia vendetta in 1982, her hrother Salvatore took over. When he, too, was killed five years later, she stepped in to reorganise the family. In deference to the Mafia's patriarchal traditions, she brought in two nephews - hut she was the decision maker.

It was during this period that investigators say Ms Scalisi eliminated three "family" members who had stepped out of line - providing the weapons, a refuge and logistical support for the killers. She faces a possible life sentence if convicted.

When her nephews were arrested in 1997, Ms Scalisi reportedly took complete control of mob operations in the hill town of Adrano, with a population of 20,000, near Catania. That included loan sharking, drug dealing, extortion and controlling public works contracts. She also came into contact with her family's traditional allies, the clan of Nitto Santapaola, one of Sicily's most ruthless mobsters.

Ms Scalisi's arrest came after a difficult and frustrating undercover operation. "In a small town where the Scalisi can count on considerable support, it is not easy to trail or observe those close to Concetta without being noticed yourself," Mr Montemagno said.

Three times police thought they had her, only to hurst into dren, Ms Scalisi grew up ador- a building and find no trace. Yesterday morning at breakfast charismatic and powerful local time, however, their painstakboss. When he was shot dead lng work paid off.



Two people were killed and 52 injured when a commuter train derailed and plunged 30 feet into the shallow Wupper river in Wuppertal, western Germany, yesterday morning

66 Mont Blane tunnel victims still not found

ALMOST THREE weeks after By JOHN LICHFIELD the catastrophic fire in the Mont Blanc road tunnel, the number of people who died remains unclear and only 10 bodies have been formally identified.

Firemen and gendarmes who have examined the molten wreckage of the 30 vehicles trapped in the inferno put the death toll, provisionally, at 40. However, 66 people remain unaccounted for - reported missning to drive through the tunnei on March 24, when the fire

started in a lorry. French officials say it is possible the toll may rise steeply: and it is equally possible that a definitive death toll may never be established. The fire was so intense (more than 1,000C at its height) and lasted so long (two days) that some vehicles were molten to a quarter of their original size and many of the human remains found were no more than ashes.

An interim report by French investigators on the responsihility for the disaster was presented yesterday to the Transport Minister, Jean-Claude Gayssot. According to leaks in the French press, the report places some of the blame on malfunctions on the Italian side of the tunnel. Italian officials had earlier blamed technical failures and incompetence on the French side.

in Paris

is said to be severely critical of the management and safety provisions of the tunnel as a

It criticises the "insufficient and obsolete" system for the extraction of fumes, which allowed the original fire in a Belgian lorry to develop to a point where it could not be controlled. It also attacks the ing by their families and sealed "safe havens" excavat-believed to have been plan- ed at intervals along the tunnel walls four years ago, which were capable of sustaining life for only two hours.

The report is also said to criticise the lack of co-operation between the tunnel management and local fire services. More specifically, it says the smoke-detection system on the Italian side of the tunnel failed to work. As a result, vehicles were allowed to enter the tunnel at the Italian end for a couple of minutes after the alarm had already been raised on the French side.

The cause, and the ferocity, of the initial fire in the Belgian truck carrying flour and margarine remain a mystery. The lorry was a new Volvo and police are investigating whether there have been similar unexplained fires in other trucks in

A French police investigator has travelled to Volvo headquarters in Gothenburg to seek more information.

April in Paris on a bicycle made for three

RICKSHAW MEETS yellow cab is how one might describe the latest addition to the ranks of Parislan taxis. Velo-Taxi, invented by two French brothers. 39-year-old Patrick and Didier Leonhart, 34, was launched yesterday on the Place de la Concorde.

It offers the Parisian tourist

BY CLAIRE SOARES

sights from the comfort of a hicycle-towed yellow carriage. For 130 francs (about £14) two summer people can enjoy an hour's

the opportunity to see the one route, from Concorde, via disposition.

Opera Garnier, the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay to the steady pace and providing a National Assembly, but the commentary, the drivers also brothers intend to add a further two or three tours hy the

Available until 15 October, ride through the French seven days a week, from 10am to 6pm, the Vélo-Taxis will be At the moment there is just driven by students of a sporty

tourists. Patrick, my driver, have to wear the uniform of figure-hugging, black Lycra trousers and hright yellow and you have the time to real-

jacket I embarked on a test-drive, bumping along the cobbles and receiving thumbs-up signs from passing motorists and intimate as well".

explained the advantages of the Velo-Taxi. "It's economical, environmentally friendly, convivial,

ly appreciate the sights," he And, as my male co-passenger added hopefully, "it's very



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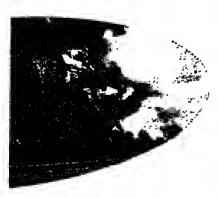
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WEARING open-necked shirts, By ALEX DUVAL SMITH his head thrown back in laughter, Muammar Gaddafi towers above the people of Libya, on hand-painted billboards across Tripoli. The message to the capital's consumers seems to be that, in the sanctions war, the Leader had the last laugh.

Yet, a week after United Nations sanctions against Libya were suspended in return for the handover of two men suspected of the 1988 Lockerbie hombing, Colonel Gaddafi is facing the toughest challeoge of his 30 years in power.

When air and arms sanctions against the north African country, in force since 1992, are finally fully lifted - probably within three months - Libya will reveal itself to the world as a modern Muslim country.

Alcohol is banned but women drive cars and walk arm-inarm with their boyfriends. Mobile phones are heard ringing as often as muezzin calls to prayer. In cities, everyone has electricity and water. Health care and schools are free.

This thriftily managed oil-

in Tripoli

producing country did not suffer materially from the imposition of UN sanctions after the 1988 Lockerbie disaster in which 270 people died - land links were never cut. But the five million people of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah were psychologically cut off from the world, leaving their leader to rule by personality cult, intimidation,

Whatever did go wrong could be hiamed oo the Americans. Yesterday, at Tripoli Hospital a young casualty ward doctor bemoaned the lack of equipment and medicines. In a spacious white room with four patients on trolleys, he said: "The hospital, which is one of the higgest in Africa, is only four years old. It is very modern and we have staff from all over the world. But we are short of equipment and

executions and fear.

drugs, because of the embargo." Most Libyans who meet foreigners are friendly but shy, and nervous of speaking, "The

Leader is good as long as you are a well-behaved person," a woman in the market said. "We accept the situation because prices are cheap and educatioo is free," a teacher said, "but there is a lot of treachery; you cannot trust your neighbour."

Seven years ago, when sanctions were imposed on the former Italian colony, the world was emerging from the Cold War. For years, Colonel Gaddafi had played the United States and the Soviet Union off against each other. Now aged 57 and seeo by the Western world as the leader of a terrorist state, he can no longer do that; neither can he blame sanctions for everything.

Since 1973 when he first published his Green Book-explaining how to attain pure, Muslim socialism- Colonel Gaddafi has changed some of his views. Libva is a consumer society and he looks to Africa. not pan-Arabism, for solidarity.

But despite ruling by "people's coogresses", he represses dissent, calls for thieves' hands to be cut off and executes



Baseball caps for sale yesterday in I a Nang, Vietnam. Textile exports have been hit hard by the regional economic crisis Richard Vogel/AP

Don't speak English in Moscow – unless it's Pushkin

stage production of a Russian classic performed in English, which is remarkable, given that Russian outrage at the bomb-ing of Yugoslavia has reached such a pitch that foreigners are being advised for their own safety not to speak English oo the streets of Moscow.

Fim Patterson, a Scot living closcow, and Artyom Kretov, tussian, play opposite each

:AY LOCAL municipal leisure other in Mozort and Salieri, a He has a day job in an advercentre has gone ahead with a tragedy by Alexander Pushkin, whose 200th birthday the Russians are celebrating this year. The team hopes to take the production to the fringe of the Edinburgh Festival.

The play's director is Dmitry Semakin. Like many Russians in the once-subsidised arts, Dmitry, a graduate of Moscow's prestigious State Institute of

Theatre Arts, is now unable to earn a living in his chosen field.

was only when Dmitry met William Rowsey, a British drama student in Moscow, and read his translation of Mozort and Salieri, one of Pushkin's

"Little Tragedies", that he saw the play might travel.

STREET LIFE tising agency while drama has become a passionate hobby. SAMOTECHNY LANE, MOSCOW Dmitry has been dreaming

of Edinburgh ever since be went to the festival as a visitor mière last week at the "Club on that the cast had worked from He thought it would be won-Yermolova Street", run by Yelderful to take Pushkin there in ena Usachova, a former atomic the poet's anniversary year. physicist who now offers culture But Pushkin is to the Rusto the young because she believes in the "saving power of sians what Shakespeare is to English speakers and it is not

beauty. "With this awful war going easy to translate a genius. It on, it is very important not to hreak the threads of our cultural co-operation," she said. She was worried that nobody would turn up, but the hall filled to half capacity with Russian teachers of English and their studeots. The programme explained

"sheer eothusiasm" with a budget of "0 roubles, 0 kopecks". Perhaips the lack of scenery and costurnes belped the director in his stated attempt to "make Push kin contemporary". Jim and Artyom just played in the modern, black and white

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clothes they could find in their own wardrobes. The only props were a grand piano, a wine bottle and a tape recorder into which the talented and hardworking Salieri poured all his jealous feelings about Mozart's

superior genius, "In England, you have done productions of Shakespeare on bare stages in 20th-ceotury dress but this is something new for us," said Dmitry. "We have made a holy icon of Pushkin and are afraid to experiment with his work."

The story of Moznet and Salieri is well known. While writing his Requiem, Mozart is haunted by a figure in hlack. It is Death bimself. But has Salieri really poisooed his friend? "Genius and evil are two things incompatible," says

Mozart trustingly. Are they? I had some difficulty in recognising the English of Artyom, who played Salieri. By cootrast. the Russians in the audience

thrown by the native intooations of Jim in the role of Mozart. Jim, who came from Edin-

burgh to study at film school here, said he had played parts in Russian - a collective farmer, a male prostitute - so be knew what an achievement it was for Artyom to act in a foreign language. After the show, some of the

teachers from the audieoce gathered with the actors for tea and a talk about how the play could be improved. Everyone liked Artyom's Russian accent, as it highlighted the fact that sider, but it was suggested that fares to Edinburgh.

Someooe said Mozart's death should be made more dramatic, "Can't you flood the stage with blood red light?" "We can't afford red light," said the director "We could overturn the grand piano." "Doo't you dare," laughed the club manager.

One of the teachers spoke interestingly about the themes of Mozart and Salieri, "It's about ruined friendship," he said. Ruined friendship. Russia

and the West are entering a new cold war over Yugoslavia and yet in the apolitical world of the arts, friendship goes on. Now all Dmitry, Artyom and Jim need Salieri was twisted and an out- is a sponsor to pay their air

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Poles act to protect Auschwitz

THE POLISH parliament voted to set up "protected zones" around former Nazi conceotratioo camps, to resolve disputes over the field of crosses erected by Catholic activists at Auschwitz. Public gatherings will be banned without a permit at the sites of eight former Nazi camps.

Two die in South Africa attacks JOHN RUBYTHON, 58, a British-born journalist, and Dr Paul Bosmana have been stabbed to death in South Africa. Mr Rubython was attacked at home in Cape Town. Dr Bosmana. former chief of government vet services, died in his Shelly

Beach home on the Indian Ocean. The killers took a cell phone. Yeltsin wins a Duma reprieve

PARTY LEADERS in Russia's lower house of parliament have put off indefinitely a vote to start impeachment of President Boris Yeltsin. A date may be set after the Duma adopts new voting procedures and rule changes

MILES KINGTON



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The impact of the incorporation of The European Convention on Human Rights into UK Law

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BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Marconi's £100m Romania order

MARCONI, the communications arm of GEC, has won a £100m order from Romania to equip its military with a new integrated communications systems. The system will cover army, navy and airforce. Marconi has also announced a £36m deal to supply Bulgaria with military communications equipment compatible with that used by Nato forces. The bid was succeeded despite stiff competition from suppliers worldwide.

Slough set to offload properties



SLOUGH ESTATES, the property company headed by Sir Nigel Mohbs, is selling a raft of properties for £45m. The sale is part of an ongoing programme to officad up to £100m of assets the group inherited as a result of last year's takeover of Bilton, the rival property group. The properties which have been sold include nine town

centre offices spread around south-east England. Derek Wilson. Slough's chief executive (pictured), said the sales were in line with the group's atated strategy and will allow resources to be concentrated on the core industrial

Affinity Internet valued at £12.75m

AFFINITY INTERNET has become the latest Internetrelated company to come to the market, through an institutional placing on the alternative investment market (Aim) valuing the company at £12.75m. Under the Virtual internet Provider (VIP) hanner, the company sells Internet access through branded outlets to retail customers, its clients include Arsenal football club, Toys 'R' Us. Tiny Computers and Martin Dawes Communications. The placing by brokers Charles Stanley at 70p a share raised £2.75.

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Dixons shares soar on plan to cash in on Internet boom

DIXONS, the electronics retailer, is preparing to cash in on the soaring value of Internet stocks by floating off a part of Freeserve, its popular free Internet service which is valued at up to £4hn by analysts.

Shares in Dixons jumped more than 8 per cent yesterday, adding more than £500m to the value of the group, on news that it had appointed Credit Suisse First Boston and Cazenove. the merchant banks, to "explore the strategic alternatives available to Freeserve". The options include a potential flotation of a minority stake in the service.

executive, said an independent stock market listing might make it easier for Freeserve to make acquisitions and form alliances with other internet companies.

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

"For Freeserve to grow and prosper it might be advisable for it to have its own individual paper," he said, adding that Freeserve shares might also appeal to a different investors than Dixons shareholders.

"The core of Dixons is a rather different business which has different criteria for things like return on capital," he said. John Clare, Dixons' chief

Freeserve has transformed the Internet industry in the UK since it was launched last September. Already 1.1m regular customers have signed up, making it our largest internet service provider.

The service, which pays for itself through a slice of the local phone call charges racked up by users, has prompted a host of other companies to follow suit. Organisations including British Telecom, Tesco and The Sun have launched their own free Internet services.

The amount of Internet traffic that passes through

prompted analysts to start the site. Most of the local call viewing the business as a portal - a site used by surfers as a ergis, which provides the physgateway to the rest of the Internet. In the United States, portals such as Yahoo! and Excite have attracted huge valuations in recognition of their

conduct electronic commerce. By comparing Freeserve to US internet stocks, analysts put a value of up to £4hn on Freeserve - more than Dixons' traditional husiness, which includes the PC World and Currys chains. But Freeserve has yet to show it is able to generate revenues from the traffic to

revenues are pocketed by Enical backbone for the service.

What's more, much of Freeserve's implied value is already reflected in Dixons' shares, which have more than ability to sell advertising and doubled since the service was launched. Yesterday, they closed up 114p at 1564p.

The path to a flotation was laid earlier this year by an internal restructuring at Dixons which separated Freeserve from the rest of the business and gave it its own operating

Analysts generally wel-

comed the move but warned that Dixons should not attempt to raise cash from a flotation. "The fact is it's not theirs to sell. It belongs to the shareholders," one expert said. "And anyway

Other options for Freeserve could include issuing a tracking stock - a virtual share which tracks the performance of the business—or selling the service outright to a US group. But experts pointed out that

Dixons is already laden with

any buyer would be likely to want to pay for the business in hares, making a deal less at-

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Ford to buy Kwik-Fit for £1bn

FORD, the giant motor company, yesterday launched an agreed takeover of Kwik-Fit in a surprise deal that values the Edinburgh-based tyres and exhaust company at £1bn.

Ford said the takeover was part of a drive to move from its image as a motor manufacturer and turn itself into the leading consumer services company in motoring.

Kwik-Fit shareholders will be offered 560p in cash for each share, a 32 per cent premium to their Friday closing price of 419p. Shares in Kwik-Fit soared, climbing 28 per cent to close at 541p. Other motor serincluding Lex, up 38p at 469p.

The deat gives the car gian greater access to after-sales markets in Europe, with control of 1,900 garages in the UK, Belgium, France and Germany. Ford executives said they

would service competitor's cars for the first time, and offer enhanced service on its own cars over two years old. Jacques Nasser, president of Ford, said: "Kwik-Fit is an out-

standing company that has earned a leading position in the fast-fit market and created a successful customer formula innovative high value services with convenient locations and knowledge of the customer." While executives talked of

"outstanding growth potential" and significant synergies, they said no job cuts were planned. Ford is retaining the services of Sir Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's

BY ANDREW VERITY

founder chairman and chief executive, who will remain in charge of the company he set up 28 years ago. He will also join the board of the Ford Consumer Services Division (FSCSD). Directors of Kwik-Fit are unanimously recommending the offer.

A Ford spokesman said the first talks began "several months ago" after Ford approached Kwik-Fit. "What we were looking for was the best aftermarket company in the world," he said. "This is not just about Europe but about the vice retailers rose in sympathy world. We concluded that Kwik-Fit was the best."

> Analysis ye were surprised that Kwik-Fit had decided to talk to Ford, in spite of a mild profits warning late last year.

"It is a company that has always made great play of its independence and was doing quite well enough on its own." said one. "It was probably panicked into talking by the profits

Joe Dickinson, an analyst with leading motor market consultants AT Kearney, said the deal underlined Ford's strategy of vertical integration, huying car dealers in the US and increasingly using its brand to move into retail services.

Ford said it intended to accelerate the Kwik-Fit European expansion, which involved buying the Speedy chain of motor services outlets last year.



Sir Tom set to pocket £77m

SIR TOM FARMER, the chairman married to a fantastic busband ence at home was "driving me main in Edinburgh and from this and chief executive of Kwik-Fit. is set to pocket over £77m if shareholders approve the £1bn takeover offer from Ford, writes

Andrew Verity. Sir Tom, known in Edinburgh as a local philanthropist, admitted he felt emotional about the prospect of selling the company be founded 34 years ago. He has accepted Ford's offer, pledging

his own 8 per cent stake. He said he felt like the "father of the bride" before giving his daughter away. "This is like a wedding and Kwik-Fit is being

in the organisation of the Ford Motor Company which is known and respected throughout the world," he said.

The sale to Ford is, said Sir Tom, "fike the closing chapter in a book" that began with the opening in 1964 of Tyres and Accessory Supplies, a store in Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, when he was 23 years old.

Six years later he almost sold the business for £400,000. He wanted to retire to San Francisco, but returned to business when his wife Anne said his pres-

Kwik-Fit began in 1971, opening its first centre in Edinburgh with the ambition of providing a service to motorists "from showroom to scrapyard". It now employs 7,000 people and operates the UK, Eire, Holland and Belgium. Last year the group bought a further 568 centres in France, Germany and Spain.

I saw this [Ford offer] as an ideal opportunity to give Kwik-Fit more global opportunities. Kwik-Fit's headquarters will re-

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hub we will spearhead its continued worldwide expansion." An ardent Catholic, Sir Tom

arranges annual trips to Lourdes, the religious shrine in France. He has been criticised by some for a lack of attention to detail and is described as "not a nuts-and-bolts man". He gained a reputation for

philanthropy when he led a financial rescue of Hibernian, the Edinburgh football club, three years ago. He is now engaged in fund-raising initiatives for the refugees of Kosovo.

Average Goldman share handout will be \$126,000

THE TOP five partners at Goldman Sachs are set to receive shares worth nearly \$900m (£560m) when the firm goes public in June.

All Goldman's 13,000 staff, including 2,500 in London, will get shares worth half annual salary plus bonus, making an average windfall of \$126,000, with more senior staff topped up on a discretionary basis. The big beneficiaries will be the top brass, whose existing capital built up over years at the firm will be converted into shares.

John Thornton, co-chief op-

BY ANDREW GARFIELD Financial Editor

erating officer stands to get 3.01 million shares, worth up to \$170m on flotation. John Thain, the former chief financial officer who is now co-chief operating offer, gets 3 million or \$165m worth of shares.

The biggest slice goes to the chairman and chief executive. Hank Paulson, who will receive 4.13 million shares worth \$227m. Next in line is Robert Hurst, cohead of investment banking, with 3.84 million shares worth over this year from Mr Thain as chief financial officer, gets 1.72 million shares worth \$94m.

Sir John Browne, chief exective of BP-Amoco, and James Johnson, former chairman and chief executive of Fannie Mae, the American Federal mortgage corporation, are to join the board as non-executive directors. The other 221 partners and

541 managing directors - the layer below partnership - will hold shares worth up to \$15.5bn. The figures are contained in the sale prospectus filed yesterday.

fraction from loan rates HALIFAX, Abbey National, and BY NIC CICUTTI Cheltenham & Gloucester, three of the UK's largest mortgage

lenders, yesterday announced they will shave their home-loan rates for borrowers by 0.1 percentage points.

Their decision means a Hal-

ifax borrower with a £60,000 mortgage will save £4.75 on a typical £60,000 loan, which now drops to 6.85 per cent. C&G's rate falls to the same level. All Abbey National borrowers

will see a similar monthly fall, although their tiered interest-rate system means that only loans of

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Personal Finance Editor

£100,000 or more will be charged at 6.85 per cent. Lower-sized loans will pay between 0.05 and 0.1 per cent more. The Halifax and Abbey mortgage cuts will apply from 1 May for existing borrowers; C&G said it had not yet decided on a date. Yesterday's move follows the

decision by the Bank of England last week to cut bank base rates by 0.25 percentage points. At the time, with the exception of Virgin Direct which matched the

MPC cut, all lenders said they were "reviewing" their charges. Ambrose McGinn, Abbey National retail products director. said: "[We] have reduced the mortgage rate by less than the hase rate, with savers very much in mind. Rapidly falling rates are good for borrowers but they have a great impact on our savers, who outnumber bor-

rowers seven to one." Mr McGinn added that borrowers were now paying £95 a month less on a typical £60,000 mortgage than they were six

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

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FEARS THAT New York would tumble after Friday's Compaq profit warning proved groundless, and after losing 95.6 points Footsie rallied to cut its loss to 31.6 points at 6,441.2. Supporting ahares also retreated.

Dixons led the leader board, jumping 114p to 1,564p as it signalled a possible float of its Freeserve Internet service provider. Chemical group Laporte rose by 172p to 762.5p after admitting a takeover approach. Derek Pain, page 19

NEW YORK

BLUE CHIP stocks rebounded from a broad sell-off after Compaq's profits warning on Friday, with the Dow up 28 points at 10,202 at midday, back from an early 77-point loss. The Nasdaq index was off 12 points. with a ratings downgrade on Intel, the world's largest chip maker, adding to technology sector's gloom.

A strong rise in American Express and Caterpillar, the heavy equipment maker, helped pull up the Dow.

TOKYO

FRIDAY'S PROFIT warning from computer group Compaq hit Japanese shares, which tumbled more than 2 per cent yesterday. The Nikkei 225 closed 348.23 points lower at 16,507.40; June Nikkei futures fell 290 points to 16,560.

Technology stocks led the way down amid fears that Compaq's difficulties could indicate an industry-wide trend. Sony weakened 3 per cent and Softbank Corp 8.4 per cent. Masatoshi Sato at Kankaku Securities said a hi-tech "reality check" was needed.

HONG KONG

SHARES ENDED down almost 1.5 per cent following a bout of profit taking. The Hang Seng index finished 169.36 points lower at 11.744.74, with major blue-chips leading the fallers. Shares in HSBC slid 1.48 per cent to HK\$266 and Hong Kong Telecom 2.79 per cent to HK\$15.70.

Tom Hester at ING Barings in Hong Kong said: "Technicaily, the market has come a long way in quite a short time, and for its own good it could do with a pull-back."

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THE ELECTRONICALLY traded Xetra DAX ended up 0.66 per cent at 5,167.5, still buoyed by last week's interest-rate cut.

Gains in Deutsche Telekom ahead of its results on Thursday helped counter a sharp fall in Deutsche Bank shares. Telecoms group Mannesmann rose 2.6 per cent on the back of Olivetti's bid for Telecom Italia; the Italian electronics company plans to sell its stakes in two Italian phone companies, leaving Mannesmann with majority stakes.

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What to do with Sir Stanley's Net gem

SIR STANLEY KALMS and his chief executive at Dixons, John Clare, claim always to have anticipated that their pioneering new service in Internet access provision, Freeserve, would take the UK market by storm. However, neither of them could have foreseen the effect on their share price, which has more than doubled since the service was launched last September

Perhaps inevitably, they are now seeking to capitalise on their success by exploring the possibility of ficating off a minority in an initial public offering According to Dixons, the thinking behind this is nothing to do with value recognition - the value is already apparent in the soaraway share price. Rather it is about giving Freeserve the currency with which to make acquisi-tions in the highly valued Internet sector. And it is about the fact that investors expect and look for dif-

an Internet service provider. Dixons is expected to produce quite substantial short-term returns on capital in a way that is impossible for a fledgling Internet company. By the same token, if Freeserve is to fulfil its potential.

ferent things out of a retailer and



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paper in a way that would be seen as wholly inappropriate for Dixons

If all this is true, however, the logical approach would surely be to demerge Freeserve in its entirety. leaving investors in Dixons a share in each. What's the point in Dixons continuing to have control of its unexpected success if the two are completely different businesses? One reason, Dixons says, is that eserve has given the group's tradibonal business as an electricals retailer a quite considerable boost, through Internet sales and advertising, though it is unclear about how much. But surely the real reason is an

managements cannot bear to give up the things they have created. Stanley to give up such a gem. even when it might make sense to do so. When, moreover, the value bestowed by Freeserve, guarantees indefinite FTSE 100 membership -the choice is more difficult still.

So how much is Freeserve worth? Analysts vary widely but few would put it at less than £1bn. AOL, the highflying US Internet service provider, is valued at approximately £5,500 per customer. Even allowing for the less sophisticated nature of the Freeserve service, the fact that none of its subscribers pay, and the exclusively UK nature of the subscriber base, some analysts reckon it may be reasonable to put a value of £1,500 on each Freeserve

With a million customers, possibly rising to three million after three years, that would give a potential valuation of more than £4bn. Sounds crazy, doesn't it, but valuations like this are common place in the US. Whether UK investors are prepared to bite on such a choker is altogether less certain. The demerger route, allowing the stock to

entirely uncommercial one, un- find its own level, would clearly be there is nothing to stop him making than 2500m a year. It is open to quesderstandable though it might be: the better ooe, but it would surely be expecting too much to ask Sir

Railtrack

long a precarious thing for Dixons JOHN PRESCOTT, the deputy prime minister, would much prefer it if the railways were back in state ownership, but given that this is unlikely to happen for the foreseeable future. he's opting for the next best thing. If the Government were to transfer the subsidies it pays to train operating companies (TOCs) for running uncommercial routes to Railtrack, then this would make Railtrack more beholden to the Government, and ministers might have more leverage in dictating to Railtrack where it invests its money.

Since Sir Alastair Morton, bead of the still phantom Strategic Rail Authority, has long shared the view that the more appropriate use of subsidy is to pay it directly to the rail infrastructure company, then the switch stands some chance of happening.

The outgoing Rail Regulator, Chris Bolt, is expected to tell Mr Prescott formally this week that

the change, even though he will have to wait until the expiry of existing operating franchises before doing so.

The attractions to Mr Prescott are obvious. In other respects, however, this would be a quite retrograde step, taking the railways back to the bad old days of British Rail, when they were run by the Government. The present system. whereby the subsidy is paid to the TOCs, who then pay a correspondingly high access charge to Railtrack, may have its drawbacks, but at least it is transparent and accountable. In the days of British Rail, no-one seemed to have any idea where the public subsidy was being spent - least of all ministers

and managers.
Railtrack is openly bostile to the idea - again for the obvious reason that it will lead to increased Government meddling. Railtrack also believes it will deter City investors at a time when it needs all the sup port it can get to fund its 27bn ten year investment programme.

This may be a trifle alarmist. The level of public subsidy in the railways is declining rapidly. By 2003/4, it will have fallen from the present level of £1.5bn annually to little more

tion what degree of leverage such a small amount will give the Government, or indeed whether switching it from the TOCs to Railtrack,

is really going to matter very much. On one level, however, Railtrack is right to be concerned. The key issue for the railways right now is investment. Since the public sector is unprepared to provide it, Railtrack and the Government have to find some way of persuading the private sector to do the business instead. While so many regulatory issues remain up in the air, of which the debate over who should receive the subsidy is just one, there seems little chance of doing so. Indeed, shareholders might do well to instruct their board to cease all investment until they know precisely what it is they are dealing with.

Kwik-Fit/Ford

IF THERE'S no money to be made in manufacturing, move into services. That, in a nutshell, seems to be the strategy behind Ford's £1bn acquisition of Kwik-Fit, as well as its planned takeover of the RAC. where it is a shortlisted bidder. Ford

executives were yesterday waxing lyrical about "cradle to grave" service, the concept of a total motoring company which would sell you your car, service it, repair it at the roadside, maintain it in road worthy condition and presumably eventually

consign it to the crusher. The idea sounds logical enough. Most people probably spend at least the cost of a car keeping it on the road over the lifetime of the vehicle, so it may make sense for a manufacturer to tap into that afterbirth market.

But there is absolutely no reason why those who shop at Kwik-Fit should be any more prone to buy a Ford than they are already. The only possible synergy between Ford as a manufacturer and Kwik-Fit as a service provider would be if Ford chose to force its own exhausts and other components through the Kwik Fit network

If that's the case, then the competition authorities might want to take a close look, not withstanding Ford's insistence that there are no such issues to address. Otherwise, these purchases should be seen as more of a diversification for Ford away from manufacturing, rather than a logical extension of it.

News Analysis: As earnings tumble at the leading PC maker, is a price war looming?

Compaq drops a bomb on IT sector

IT WAS no wonder the world's BY DAVID USBORNE equity and currency markets wobble. After New York closed slip news no one wanted to demic, not just for other PC bear - its first-quarter earnings would be around 15 cents a share, half of analysts' forecasts. Compaq's shares tumbled in after-hours trading. The spectre a bloody personal computer

price war loomed. Ripples from the announcement were felt around the globe, beginning in Asia where Tokyo shares lost just over 2 per cent. Likewise the dollar was weaker against the yen and the euro. There was widespread fear that Compaq's warning would trigger a pummelling of stocks in New York, both on the Dow Jones industrial average and. philaminon when he is more particularly, on the techbeavy Nasdaq exchange.

The announcement was, by any measure, ugly. Compaq the largest maker of PCs in the world - blamed its revenue shortfall on both price competition and an unexpected dip in demand. This poses several difficult questions; for example, the future of the company itself and the medium-term outlook for its own share price. A year ago, the company issued a similar salesdip warning.

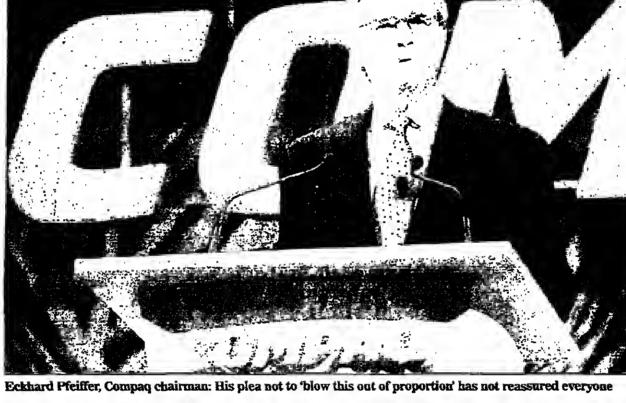
More important is this: what, if anything, do the woes of Compaq augur for the information technology industry at large?

in New York

Does the springtime cold at makers but also for other sector players, including processor manufacturers such as Intel and software suppliers, including Microsoft?

And what are the implications for the broader US economy? This industry, after all, has been vital in powering the boom of recent years, buoying up both the Nasdaq and Dow and helping to reinforce high consumer confidence. Everyone wishes its continued good health.

The timing of the Compaq shock was hardly helpful. There were loud mutterings in New York yesterday that Compaq sinned by not getting word of its problems to Wall Street earlier than Friday. Instead, it spoiled



ble moment - at the start of the first-quarter results season. The full Compaq picture will emerge with its 21 April report.

Punishment for Compag was swift yesterday. At midday in New York its shares were down 23 per cent. Several leading analysts were downgrading ratings as they offered varying diagnoses for what ails it. These include difficulties in melding Compaq with Digital Equipment Corporation, which it bought last year. Many analysts

COMPAG SHARES SLIDE Monday morning - New York, \$ MJJASONDJFMA

the IT party at the worst possi- predicted that embattled chief executive Eckhard Pfeiffer would have to make more staff cuts in coming weeks.

Compaq's central challenge. however, may be bow to maintain share in an environment of rapidly-falling PC prices without butchering its profit margins. Some analysts suggest that Compag may have botched its attempts, launched last year, to begin selling direct to consumers - business and neivate - over the telephone and Internet, while still maintaining its network of retail distributors. Snapping at Compaq's treels

are Dell and Gateway, each credited with pioneering direct selling in the industry. The proportion of PCs sold directly is expected to reach 29 per cent this year, compared to 13.5 per cent

Morgan Stanley analyst Gillian Munson was among those voicing frustration with Compaq's warning. "The shortfall is far worse than the ranges that were thought probable." she said, adding that it indicated

"that Compag's business model is not working in this market environment. It will take some time, in our view, for the stock to come back from this disappointment and the related loss of confidence".

The consensus among the analysts vanished, however, on the wider implications of Compag's first-quarter débacle. One school said the slowdown in demand had to herald problems for the entire industry. They pointed to the so-called "millennium factor", where business customers may have been rushing to buy equipment well in advance of 2000, which could spell a freeze in demand for the rest of this year Another school says the problems are mostly Compaq-specific; they highlight receot commentaries from Dell and Microsoft suggesting a still-

healthy outlook For now, the jury is still out. All eyes will be oo other IT firstquarter numbers, especially from Intel, due to report after the market closes today, and Microsoft and Dell, Intel, more than Compan, is considered a bellwether for the industry.

For what it is worth, the slaughter that some feared in New York yesterday did not materialise. The early slide on the Dow was quickly reversed, and even the Nasdaq saw only a modest midday decline

For its part, Compaq tried to soothe investor nerves. In a conference call with analysts. Mr Pfeiffer and his chief financial officer, Earl Mason, insisted that cost-cutting plans related to the \$8.4bn (£5.2bn) takeover of DEC were on track and denied that Compaq was discussing any new lay-offs or restructuring ideas.

This should not be blown out of proportion," Mr Pfeiffer said of Friday's announcements in an interview with the Wall Street Journal. "Everyone is building expectations on certain market demand growth. If it comes at a somewhat lower level, the competitive reaction leads to price cuts that are deeper and more frequent. We had both these factors in the last quarter."

Buffett builds up stake in UK blue chip

WARREN BUFFETT, the legendary stock market investor. is building up a stake in a mystery UK-listed company.

Mr Buffett, a stock market guru and one of the world's richest men, said be would soon be forced by UK trading rules to make an announcement because his stake was approaching three per cent.

In a rare public appearance in London, Mr Buffett said be started buying the mystery company two months ago. He declined say when his stake would pass the three per cent mark. "It depends on what the price does," be said.

The US billionaire also refused to say whether the company - like many of his other investments · sold consumer products. But Mr Buffett, a one-time investor in Guinness, did hint that the company was a large UK blue chip. He said: We do have a certain-sized requirement for investments. We need elephants now."

Mr Buffett who was promoting NetJets, his airline timeshare business, denied be was stalking the UK company. The shares had been bought by By Lea Paterson

Berkshire Hathaway, his Nebraska-based investment vehicle. He said Berkshire Hathaway had \$15bn in cash earmarked for investment, but high valuations of most stocks meant buying opportunibles were thin on the ground.

He said: "If we're sitting on that kind of money it means we're having a hard time finding things to buy. If we find a good business run by hooest and able businessmen we will buy it. If not we will wait."

The Berkshire Hathaway chairman declined to comment on the overall direction of US stocks or on particular co nies in his investment portfolio.

Mr Buffett reaffirmed his commitment to two of his larger shareholdings, Coca Cola and Gillette, whose shares have been hit by earnings worries.

Mr Buffett brushed aside the global slowdown. "The macroeconomy makes no difference to us. I don't read economic forecasts. I don't read the funny papers. I simply try to figure out where a business will be 10

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The inaugral Board Meeting of the Special Health Authority will be held in the Long Room of the Royal College of General Practitioners, 15 Princess Gate, London SW7 on Monday the 19th April 1999 at 1.00pm

In accordance with the Code of Openness in the NHS, the meeting will be open to the Public.

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Electra proposals THE GENERAL Electric pen-BY ANDREW GARFIELD sion fund, which holds 3 per cent

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of venture capital group Electra, said yesterday it is backing the management against the £1.25bn hostile bid from rival 3i. It is the first investor to

come out publicly ahead of today's vote on Electra's £544m reconstruction proposals that will decide the trust's fate. General Electric Investment manages the pensions contributions of employees with the American engineering giant,

but is separate from GE Capital, which has been touted as a white bidder for Electra. Jim Mara, a senior vicepresident of GE Investment. said yesterday: "Electra has a management team we have known for 15 years. At this

point our position is that we are

backing the known versus the

Financial Editor

In addition to the direct stake in Electra Investment Trust, GE also has a number of direct investments in Electra-sponsored buyouts, which it is concerned could be upset by a change in

The big battalions, including Legal & General and Prudential, have so far refused to show their hands, although they are widely believed to have shifted in favour of 3i after the sharp rise in 3i's share price last

Electra's proposals to buy back 40 per cent of its capital from shareholders at 786p and wind up the trust within five years need the support of 75 per cent of sharebolders.

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Rival wins Game in £99m takeover

ELECTRONICS BOUTIQUE, the specialist retailer of computer games. yesterday announced a 299.2m takeover of its struggling rival, Game, in a deal that gives it nearly a quarter of the booming market in electronic entertainment.

Executives revealed that the agreed cash-and-paper deal was struck at the behest of Game's shareholders, who were dissatisfied with an apparent fall in sales over Christmas a crucial time in the games business.

Shareholders will be offered 1.0994 new shares in Electronics Boutique plus 41.7p in cash for each share in Game, valuing Game at around 131p. Shares in Game rose 5p to close at 26p, while shares in Electronics Boutique slipped 3p to 81.5p.

The offer represents a premium of 31 per cent over 102.5p, Game's closing price on 23 February - the last business day prior to the announcement by the EB board that it was in talks that might lead to an offer.

Neil Taylor, chairman of Game and one of two founders of the group, will BY ANDREW VERITY

step down and is likely to sell 70 per cent of his stake in the group for a total of more than £15m. Paul Lloyd-Roach, chief executive, and Nick Warran-Smith, finance director, have agreed

John Steinbrecher, the chief executive of Electronics Boutique, yesterday said he would keep Game as a separate brand and insisted there would be "few, if any" job losses. None of the 182 stores at EB, or the 86 owned by Game, would close.

Executives insisted there would still be substantial cost savings through eliminating duplication in head offices and cutting distribution costs. "We feel there's a value with the two brands and we'll take every effort to keep the two brands separate," Mr Steinbrecher said

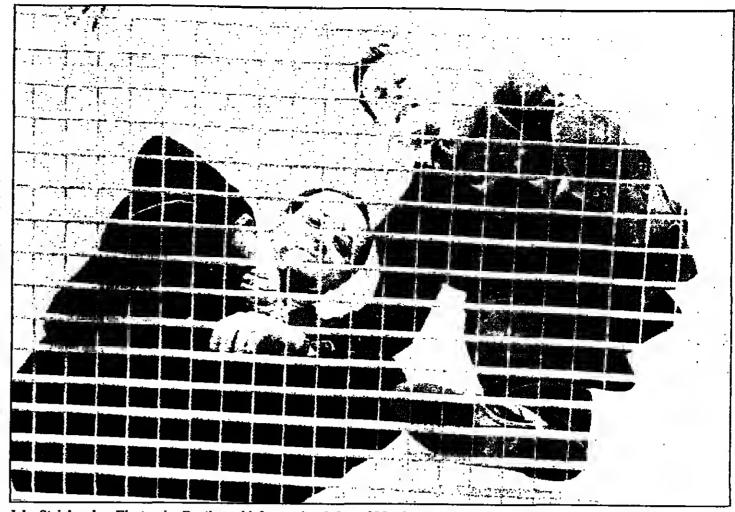
He said EB and Game had two different types of customer. "Game stores have a lot of video screens and music playing and tend to be in darker colours, and we think that attracts

more of the HMV/Virgin type of customer, as opposed to EB which attracts more the Dixons or Woolworths type of customer."

Mr Taylor said the market had over-reacted to a quirk in like-for-like sales figures caused by Game opening more stores than expected. Instead of showing a 3.9 per cent sales fall, it should have showed a 4.2 per cent rise. "It was an over-reaction, but there wasn't enough shareholder support for that view," he said.

EB has received undertakings from the directors of Game and other shareholders in respect of 45.1 per cent of the company's share capital. Game floated only last summer at

Along with the offer, EB announced its preliminary results for the year to 31 January. It reported preax profits up by 91.7 per cent to £15.3m. Turnover jumped 28.2 per cent to £159.4m. while like-for-like sales



Wray quits at **Forest and** faces £1m loss

NIGEL WRAY, chairman of By JOHN WILLCOCK property group, Burford, has resigned as chairman of Nottingham Forest football club to make way for Eric Barnes, deputy chairman of Great Universal Stores (GUS), one of Nottingham's biggest

Mr Wray is halving his stake In the club by selling 5.7 per cent of Nottingham Forest to Mr Barnes and another 5.7 per cent to Philip Soar, the sub's chief executive, who enneered Mr Wray's acquisition i the club two years ago.

Analysts estimate the sale leaves Mr Wray nursing a loss of around £1m on his original investment. Forest currently faces near-certain relegation from the Premiership. Sources close to Mr Wray insist he is ship of Saracens, the Premiership rugby union club.

Albert Scardino, an American journalist and husband of Pearson's chief executive, Mar-jorie Scardino, lost out to Mr Wray in the bid battle for For-

Yesterday Mr Scardino said of Mr Wray's move: "The club has squandered two years. This was a tragic lost oppor-tunity to rebuild a great community asset. Nigel Wray was never very much involved in it [the club]. It's now much worse off then when he bought in."

Mr Wray himself said: "I have come to believe more nd more that the club, as a lottingham institution, must be run locally. I am absolutely

agreed to succeed me as chair

Property analysts estimate that Mr Wray put in about £3.2m of his own money when his consortium won the bid hattle for Forest in the spring of 1997, buying Forest for £16m.

His sale of 2,515,000 ordinary shares at a price of 28p per share to Mr Barnes yesterday Soar should give him £1.2m. leaving him nursing a loss of around £1m on his original investment. He still owns 9.1 per cent of Forest's shares, worth around £1m at yesterday's market price. The shares yesterday fell 1.5p to 25p.

Mr Wray's consortium included Irving Scholar, the forchairman, and fellow London property developer Julian Markham. Mr Scholar continues to make most of the footballing decisions for Forest from his home in Monaco, while Mr Soar manages the business side.

Burford, the property de-veloper, continues to be Mr Wray's main interest. He sold half his stake last September but still owns 5 per cent of the £450m company.

He is also involved with Prestbury, another property developer run by his old colleague Nick Leslau, as well as the fashionable London restaurant, Pharmacy, which he runs together with Damien Hirst, the artist of pickled-sheep

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Slowdown fears ease as sales rise

THERE WERE fresh signs BY LEA PATERSON yesterday that the British economy is back on track as retailers reported rising sales and a survey of the UK financial sector revealed sharp increases in op-

The British Retail Consor-tium said that, like-for-like, sales last month were 3.9 per cent higher than in the period last year, and total sales were up 7.3 per cent. The opening of the giant Bluewater shopping centre in Kent boosted the retail numbers, while good weather helped sales of spring clothes and do-it-yourself products.

But the BRC cautioned that the timing of the Easter week-end – earlier this year than last may have distorted the figures. Excluding sales in the week before Easter, like-for-like sales were up by just 0.9 per cent.

The Confederation of British Industry said confidence in UK financial institutions improved for the first time in a year after a marked pick-up in business vol-

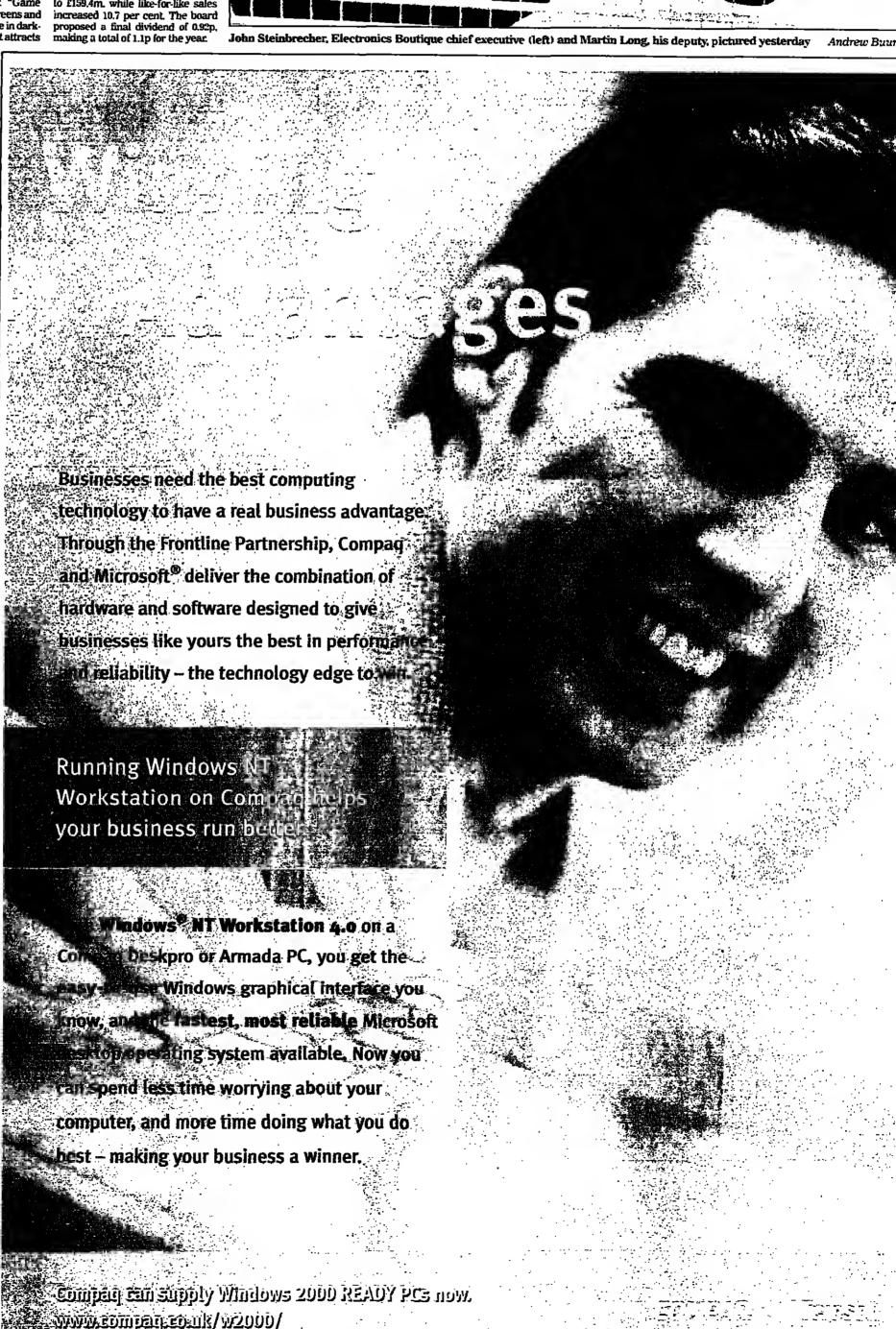
The latest CBI/PricewaterhouseCoopers financial services survey found that 38 per cent of firms were more optimistic in March than in December, with 14 per cent more pessimistic, for a net balance of 24 per cent of optimistic firms, compared with a its outlook for building societies

sociate director of economic analysis, said: "Financial service firms have started to shake off their slowdown fears. Confidence seems to be returning fol-lowing the lows of the second half of last year, which then reflected concern about world financial turmoil and the apparent threat of a UK recession.

Financial services firms reported a pick-up in overall business, with a balance of 32 per cent expecting this growth to continue into the next quarter. Almost all sectors anticipated significant growth, the CBI said, particularly banks and life insurers. General insurers and building societies were among the few groups expecting volumes to decline.

Employment rose at its fastest rate since the fourth quarter of 1997. However, most companies expected to cut jobs in the next three months.

Mr Junankar said that financial services profitability rose as expected in the first quarter, but the squeeze on margins at banks is expected to persist through the next three months. The profbalance of minus 27 per cent in was said to be brighter.



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S&N soothes profit fears as beerage suffers

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE the nation's biggest brewer. has dismissed stories that it plans to roll out a profits warning. It is thought to have held meetings with analysts indicating that it is comfortable with profit forecasts of between 5400m and £410m. Last vear it produced £422m.

The shares, bumping along at a 12-month low at 635.5p. strengthened a little to 647p. Although Scottish soothed

profit fears, it is thought in the past few weeks to have tried to persuade analysts to cut some of the more heady forecasts. BT Alex.Brown, the investment house, last month reduced its estimate by £20m to £402m. Stockbroker Sutherlands last week moved to a bottom-of-the-range forecast of

from the downturn in consumer spending, but until recently Scottish appeared to have escaped the full impact of

HOPES ARE running high that encouraging developments are taking place at little Cambridge Mineral Resources. Its Irish diamond prospect is arousing interest, and some expect a statement from the company in the next week or so.

The shares have been heavily traded lately, and yesterday they rose 0.75p to 6.75p; they have been as

high 18.25p. CMR has changed its chairman, with Australian John Park replacing Dr Robert Young.

the ravages inflicted on its rivals. It also has two special problems - the loss of its exclusive supply agreement with the Inntrepreneur pubs chain and a downturn at its Center

Parcs holidays operation. Scottish, which became it acquired Courage,

ing at 945p last year. The stock market was at one time down 95.6 points, anticipating weakness in New York following Friday's shock profits warning from Compaq, the US computer giant. But in a rollercoaster session, Wall Street was looking decidedly firm as London closed. Footsie ended 31.6 points down at 6,441.2; supporting shares also

gave ground. Dixons led the Footsie leader board, surging by 114p to a 1,654p peak on the possibility that it will float its Freeserve Internet service provider, which Schroders has estimated is worth more than

1,000p a share. Amvescap, the investment group, firmed 18.5p to 632.5p after Merrill Lynch suggested that the shares should be 700p,

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advised profit taking. Takeover action sent Kwik-Fit. the tyres and exhausts group, racing ahead 119.5p to 541p and Laporte, the chemical group, 172p to 762.5p. Kwik-The beerage has suffered Fit has agreed a 560p hid from Ford; Laporte said it was in talks, with the market banking on Swiss group Clariat as the

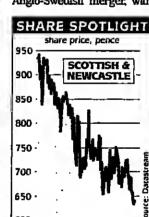
> Diageo, the spirits giant, duly confirmed it was in talks to sell its Spanish brewing operatioo, Cruzcampo, and Game, the computer games group, firmed 5p to 126p as Electronics Boutique, 2.75p off at 81.5p, produced a cash-and-

> Reckitt & Colman, down from 1.300p to 662p, is seen as the next major group likely to attract corporate attention. Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group, has already looked at the household products group but an American offer is look-

ing more likely. St James, the life assurer. rose 9p to 258.5p; there is speculation that Prudential may sell its 28.2 per cent stake following its acquisition of the M&G unit

trust group. United Carriers, reported to be in talks with Nightfreight, firmed 2.5p to 30p. Marks & Spencer clothing supplier Dewhirst was also in the takeover

frame, up 5.5p to 86.5p. Britain's largest brewer when drugs group, fell 12.5p to 108.5p as the American Food & Drug Administratioo demanded more information about its hepatitis B vaccine. AstraZeneca has still to find a winning formula following the



Anglo-Swedish merger, with

the shares again under the weather, falling 13p to 2,765p. Woolwich encountered a

23 million trade at 388p; the shares fell 13.5p to 386.75p. Tesco, figures today, was also heavily traded, gaining 2.25p to 159.5p. Lex Service, the car group, gained 38.5p to 460p on

Warburg Dillon Read support. Financial and telecoms shares, firm last week, gave ground although Lloyds TSB, reported to be looking for US acquisitions, added 25p at 1.020.5p. Some computer shares logged off after the Compaq warning; Misys fell 16p to 552.5p and Computacenter 31p to 536.5p. Arm gave

up 100p to 2.830p. Pilat Technologies was the day's top performer surging 238 per cent to 35.5p following the first sales of its integrated hroadcast management sys-

Aukett Associates, the architect, rose 3.25p to 13.5p after forecasting half-term profits of

MORE INTERNET excitement. Easduq, the European version of Nasdaq, witnessed rare activity when Xoom, a US group, surfed from an opening price of \$66 to a

The business, started only 18 months ago, claims to have pioneered direct e-commerce on the Internet: it attracts visitors to its web site by offering a range of free

Its site is said to be the 12th most popular on the World Wide Web.

£600,000; this prompted Williams de Broe to suggest £1.25m for the year, while the company produced £623,000 last year.

London Clobs International fell 5.5p to 140p follow-Medeva the accident-prone ing Friday's late profits

warning. Many football shares stayed offside after Friday's block on BSkyB's bid for Manchester United. With BT Alex.Brown downgrading, Man Utd shares fell 1.5p to 185.5p but Newcastle United's FA Cup semifinal victory helped overcome the investment house's caution and the price rose 6p to 81.5p. Defeated Tottenham Hotspur

lost 5p at 69.5p. The narrowly traded Sotheby's "A" shares jumped 287.5p to 2,000p. Two months ago they touched 2,387.5p; in November

they were down to 965p. Premier Asset Management celebrated its move from Aim to full listing, and some director buying, with a 2.25p gain to 17.25p.

SEAQ VOLUME: 871.1 million SEAQ TRADES: 83,145 GILTS INDEX: 114.44 -0.25

	CUMPANT RESULTS					
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Longbridge International (F)	5.65m (4.18m)	0.712m (0.533m)	11 77p [11.15p]	5.5p (5p)	05 07 99	07 06 99
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Laporte in takeover talks with Swiss giant

War threat to hotels profit

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tor called Hector.

principal hotel transactions since 1996 - London

LAPORTE, the UK's thirdlargest : hemical group, is in advanced talks to be taken over by the Swiss giant Clariant, in a deal worth around £1.5bn.

The UK speciality chemicals company was yesterday forced to confirm that it was in takeover negotiations after weekend press speculation of a bid by Clariant had triggered a buge rise in its long-suffering share price. Laporte's admission extended the rally and the stock closed over 29 per cent

higher at 762.5p Laporte, which produces high-quality chemicals for toothpaste, paints and condoms, declined to name the potential bidder, saying simply that it was in discussions over "a possible offer being made for the company".

BY ANNA MINTON

LEISURE ANALYSTS are in-

creasingly concerned about the

potential damage the Kosovo

war could do to the lucrative

American tourist and husiness

for 17 per cent of the London

hotel market land 45 per cent

of the deluxe end), the conflict

in the Balkans is causing

mounting anxiety among all

A leisure sector analyst with

a leading investment bank said:

"We are talking to all the groups

about this, Last week we asked

Granada if they had felt any ef-

fects in bookings from the US

in their Heritage chain. So far

they said they hadn't noticed

anything but if there is any sig-

nificant shortfall at all from

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pretty bad. Since then there has

been a slight improvement but

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Pannell Kerr Forster senior

consultant Richard Jeffrey

agrees the sector is in no shape

to withstand the bottom falling

Americans, ootoriously sensi-

out of the American market.

Harris is sick

KEITH HARRIS may have

stepped aside as chief executive

of HSBC's Investment Banking

Division, hut he is still very

much involved with advising

their client, Manchester United.

And yesterday he said he was

very upset about the result".

blocking BSkyB's hid for United.

you understand. On that subject

Mr Harris remains demurely

silent Rather the FA Cup Semi-

Final at Villa Park on Sunday,

when United were held 0-0 by

Arsenal. "We beat them hol-

is joining his friend Chris Akers

Sports Internet, an online gam-

bling and sports company float-

ed on Aim by Mr Akers in March.

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On a lighter note. Mr Harris

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low," Mr Harris thunders.

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"The last three months of

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the major hotel groups.

American demand accounts

travel trade in London.

By Francesco Guerrera

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However, insiders said that Laporte's executives were locked in talks with Clariant, the chemical giant which last year dropped plans for an \$8.7bn (£5.4bn) merger with its Swiss rival Ciba Speciality Chemicals. The two sides were hoping to clinch the deal before Friday when Clariant is due to report its annual results. Clari-

ant declined to comment. Most city analysts said that Clariant was set to draw oo its large cash pile to table an offer of at least 800p for each share in Laporte, valuing the UK group at over £1.5bn. However, some industry experts said that Clariant's interest could

Overseas visitors

in Europe."

The sector reached its low-

est point in five years in the au-

tumn of 1998. Since then there

has been some recovery led by

Granada whose sbares shot

up 68 per cent since November

PEOPLE AND

BUSINESS

By John

WILLCOCK

Mr Akers reckons Mr Harris

will "add a lot of City and finan-

cial gravitas to the board. When

I used to head Leeds Sporting

[which owns Leeds United] we

Mr Harris was originally

hired by Michael Grade to put

together a reverse takeover of

Manchester United on behalf of

VCI. When this failed United

snapped him up as an adviser.

The former HSBC man has

sue: "I hope to announce another

two jobs by the end of the week."

JONATHAN DAWSON of

appointed HSBC as brokers".

Swansea City Football Club.

There was also good news

to 1393p yesterday.

£1.8bn. They said that the Swiss nated in last year's £600m acgroup could be challenged by a

cash-rich US rival. Mike Eastwood, at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said that Laporte's price tag was high because of the good quality of its business. "They are paying a full price, but Laporte has probably the highest quality portfolio of assets in Europe."

The British group underwent a radical restructuring following the arrival of chief executive Jim Leng in 1995. Through a series of acquisitions and disposals, Mr Leng reduced Laporte's dependence on cut-throat commodity chemicals markets and transformed it into a high-margin speciality chemicals business. Mr trigger a hid war which could push the final price to over Leng's strategy, which caused some 2,000 job losses, culmi-

ket hy up to 50 per cent.

quisition of Inspec, a highly

Speciality chemicals, used in the pbarmaceuticals and electronics industry, are more sophisticated than commodity chemicals and less prone to the vagaries of the economy. The chief executive's changes have been praised by analysts but have not been reflected in Laporte's share price, which last vear underperformed the mar-

Industry experts said the new-look Laporte would be a perfect fit for Clariant and would cause few competition problems. Last year the Swiss company said it wanted to expand in the fast-growing fine chemicals and electronic chem-

Wardle rated UK fine chemicals group. BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

WARDLE STOREYS, the maker of parachutes and lifeboats, is expecting demand for its inflatable buildings to rise as a resuit of the Balkan refugee crisis. The company vesterday said

it donated an inflatable tent worth around £50,000 to refugees fleeing Kosovo. Wardle added that it would increase production of the PVC-made buildings, which can be used as temporary hospitals and shelters, to meet an expected rise in orders from former Yugoslavia.

The importance of inflatable tents, used by armies around the world to store tanks and aircrafts. to Wardle's profits was underlined by its interim results vesterday. The company posted a slight drop in first half profits to £5.3m on turnover down 4.9 per cent to £55.4m,

A strong rise in sales of in flatable buildings, liferafts and parachutes offset a slump in the technical products division. This subsidiary, making car interiors and plastic parts for fridges, was hit by a sharp slowdown in the automotive industry. Its profits collapsed nearly 44 per cent to £1.701, as car makers cut back on production amid the Latin American and Asian

financial turmoils. The chief executive. Brian Taylor, said the company reacted quickly to the market's downturn, cutting over 150 jobs from the division's 900-strong workforce. The redundancies led to a £350,000 exceptional cost, but should yield beoefits of £800,000 from next year. The figures led to a 10p fall in the

shares to 410p. However, analysts said Wardle's long-term future should be secured by several long contracts. Wardle is the only company in the world to bave regulatory approval to make lif-erafts for ferries, a market valued at around £30m over the next five years. It also bas contracts to upgrade the US army's parachutes and the US navy's

submarine escape systems. The main risk is that the supply of defence contracts may dry up as governments cut back on spending. But with the car parts division set to recover and the seen any specific impact from shares oo just 10 times 1999 earnings of around £15m, Wardle is worth a look.

not felt any negative impact and we won't see any unless the conflict escalates and the Russians get involved," be said. "If it is contained, I don't expect our business to suffer. Some people in business who do not understand our industry as well as one would hope become too quickly disenchanted."

But despite improved performance Pannell Kerr Forster report occupancy rates in London are now dipping below 80 per ceot for the first time since the early Ninebes and roomrate increases – well in excess of inflation for two years - have falleo in line with inflation.

To make matters worse the context is a predicted considerable drop in tourism to the UK. "The overall number of visitors to the UK fell last year, and led to a corresponding fall in the oumber of bed nights in hotels," a spokesman for the British Incoming Tour Operators Association said. "The anecdotal evidence is we will see further drops this year."

jump excluding exceptionals in the gross trading profits Nonetheless, in public at least, the major operators reby US venture capitalists main upbeat. "Nearly 20 per Blackstone and Colony Capital cent of our market is North American but it's business as Savoy Group MD Ramon usual," says a Thistle spokes-Pajares denied any fallout from person. "To date we haven't "It could have a big effect. from Savoy Group, which in- the War had yet been felt, but cludes The Savoy, The Berke- he admitted confidence was the Balkans so I don't think tive to this kind of thing, tend ley and Claridges. The being affected, "So far we have we're too coocerned."

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EMI GROUP has recruited a

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Jay Samit, to head up its Los

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British company towards build-

ing a global Internet presence.

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Mr Samit is currently bead of

stockbrokers, oo a trek to the "online community" for college

geographic North Pole in aid of studeots. a charity called Starlight Chil-Prior to that Mr Samit found ed and ran Jasmine Multimedia Publishing for over 15 years. Mr McNaught conquered the geographic South Pole last year. Jasmine produced and market-This year's party will include ed hundreds of software titles for Neil Laughton, an ex-Royal companies including Walt Dis-Marine and director of Office ney, Ford and IBM.

Energy sharing

The quartet will undergo medical tests by a team of re-SIBIR ENERGY, an Aim-listed company, made a recommendsearchers before and after the trek to check on the effects of ed offer for EuroSov Energy exposure to cold. I bope Mr Mclast week. In order to avoid any of those pesky culture-clashes that ofteo bedevil such link-ups, Naught returns with toes intact. the chief executives of each EMI nets Samit company, Henry O Cameron of Sibir and Jonathan Stewart of

EuroSov, are to share an office. I'm assured by a company spokesman that the room at EuroSov Energy's offices in Sloane Street, London, "is large enough for both of them not to he sitting on top of each other... but they will both be able to keep original content development a close eye on each other."

Media Group. He was also pres- E-mail: j.willcock@indepen-

COMPANY RESULTS

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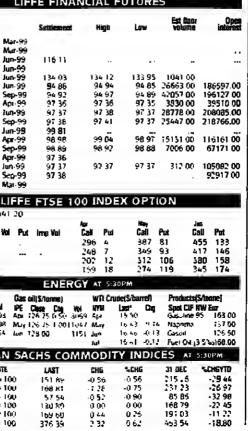
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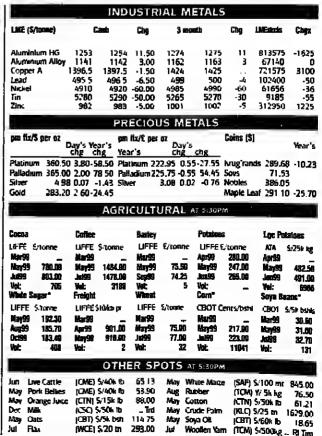
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Lazards, leading the defence of leading a party, including Giles





SPORT

Five Nations reflections: Dramatic last twist in championship tale should not discourage England's enthusiasts

Surprises galore in a glorious game

Rugby Union Correspondent

AFTER 78 minutes and 19 seconds of Sunday's final Five Nations gathering at Wembley the former Wales captain Eddie Butler informed Bill McLaren - and, by extension, millions of television viewers - that ha considered England favourites to win this year's World Cup. Exactly 218 seconds later one of Butler's countrymen, Scott Gibbs, stampeded through a thicket of red rose tacklers to deny the English the Grand Slam, the Triple Crown, the tournament title and just about everything else they had fought for over the previous two months, Funny lot, the Taffs. Forever letting each other down in public.

Actually, Butler should be in no particular rush to revise his opinion; favouritism might be a touch on the bold side, given England's penchant for losing winnable matches - Australia last November, Wales last weekend - but of the four teams inhabiting these islands, they remain by far the best equipped to square up to the perceived might of the southern bemisphere.

Perceived? Well, look at it this way: New Zealand, who visit Twickenham on 15 October for a game that will dictate the entire shape of the five-week World Cup competition, go into their 1999 Test programme on the back of six straight defeats. Who can say in advance of the forthcoming Tri-Nabons tourna-

1999 FIVE NATIONS FINAL STANDINGS

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ment that they have successfully sorted the wheat from the chaff?

Six months shy of the event the available evidence suggests that no one should die of shock if England see off the All Blacks this autumn, thereby saving themselves both a match and a wbole lot of southern bemisphere hassle while dumping Taine Randell and his Silver Ferns in the same half of the draw as South Africa and Australia.

All things being equal they will have Jeremy Guscott. Phil de Glanville and Will Greenwood back to contest the midfield positions. Jonny Wilkinson will have another three caps and umpteen Test points in his locker and Tim Rodber will have more priceless experience as an international lock.

In the context of what is to come Sunday's trauma beneath the twin towers was a smack in the chops rather than a knife between the sboulder blades.

Clive Woodward has a decision or two to make, however, the first and most urgent of which is now staring the coach square in the eveballs. Wilkinson must play the summer Tests against the Wallabies, Canada and the United States at outside-half. where he can exert the full weight of his influence as a controller, an organiser and a drawer of the opposition sting.

This is not to dismiss Mike Catt from the red rose equation, although there are many in England wbo would happily pay his air fare back to Port Elizabeth. Catt should be given an immediate run at centre inside or outside scarcely matters - for just as Wilkinson possesses the

percentages that Catt lacks, Catt esses raw pace, the one weapon obviously lacking in the young



Neil Jenkins prepares to put the final seal on the Five Nations' Championship with the conversion that gave Wales victory over England

buck's otherwise formidable standing feat of rugby aviation. armoury. Switch them now. Clive. You know it makes sense.

Quite bow to make sense of Scotland's sudden and spectacular rise to European pre-eminence is another issue altogether. Time for a touch of bonesty bere: 99 per cent of those of us paid to write about this a half-decent pack. Laughing Jim got ridiculous old game had the men in skirts down as stone-cold woodenspooners and, of the remaining one per cent, none had sufficient neck to them as potential champions. Their subsequent flight in the face of form, logic and whatever else we use to evaluate a side's prospects in

advance of the bostilities was an out-

15 MATT PERRY (England): The

artist as labourer, Perry can paint

the Sistine Chapel and the skirting

board with equal facility: sublime fin-

ish in Dublin, crucial try-saving tackle on Dominici at Twickenham.

geometrist's angle to create Luger's

ry at Wembley. Just edges out

14 DAN LUGER (England): Phys-

ical, very quick, and hungry enough

to go looking for work - quite a

departure for a Harlequin. At home

on either wing, he may soon replace

David Rees as Clive Woodward's

favourite wide man, Indeed, the

Luger-Hanley combination has a

13 JONNY WILKINSON (England): Kicks like Neil Jenkins, tack-

les like Philippe Sella, handles the

teenage fame like Michael Owen. A

little short of gas, certainly, but no one has it all. Should he suddenly

develop a sprinter's pace, the rest

12 JOHN LESLIE (Scotland): So

lohn Hart, the all-seeing New

Zealand coach, has a blind spot after

all. Fancy letting this guy through

the net. Leslie grew through the

championship, organising and lay-ing-off and tackling and supporong

can pack up and go home.

World Cup look to it.

Shane Howarth.

Good on them. After last November's defeat by

South Africa at Murrayfield, Jim Telfer expressed the view that, with Matthew Proudfoot and Gordon Simpson on the way hack from injury, the Scots had the makings of of a fully decent pack, even without the equator That Proudfoot and Simpson - not to mention Doddie Weir, Bryan Redpath and Jamie Mayer - will fight tooth and nail for World Cup places this autumn gives Telfer a luxury be bas previously

and doing everything right. A joy to

11 CHRISTOPHE DOMINICI

(France): A light in the darkness, a

spring flower in the wasteland. So

much went wrong for France be-tween Dublin in early February and

Paris In mid-April that it would have

been simple to pick a Five Nations

side devoid of Tricolores. Dominici

10 GREGOR TOWNSEND (Scot-

land): The main man, Give Townsend

a service from scrum-half and a

safety net at inside centre and he

will fry an opposing midfield alive. The way Edinburgh's finest plays it.

rugby is still a game of the imagi-

nation rather than a game of the

9 GARY ARMSTRONG (Scotland):

Kyran Bracken and Rob Howley may

be Europe's state-of-the-art No 9s.

but this man is the beating heart of the scrum-half tribe: gritty, resilient, implacable. If Jim Telfer had been a

half-back, he would have resembled

an elongated Armstrong. What a

1 TOM SMITH (Scotland): That

Smith carries so much on his shoul-

ders probably explains his peculiar

physique: he strikes you as someone

bicep. A treasure.

thought.

at least showed some pride.

namely, enough strength in depth to force his selection meetings into a second minute.

It may well be that under the current line-out laws, where flexibility and liftability cut more ice than pure bulk, and with referees frownies spreadeagled around the tackle infantry against everyone else's beavy artillery. They are blessed with a once-in-a-geogration rugby genius in Gregor Townsend and, in John Leslie, a midfield craftsman of sound mind and judgement. Leslie

who has laboured too long under a

heavy load. By the time he broke a

leg against Ireland, he had set the

2 KEITH WOOD (Ireland): Faded

along with his countrymen, but no

one who witnessed his madcap

heroics against the French in Dublin

will dispute Wood's uniqueness.

Smeared with blue sponsor's paint.

he looked and played like Hiawatha.

Wild Bill Hickok and Buster Keaton

3 DARREN GARFORTH (England):

Like good wine, Georgian architecture and dear old Jeff Probyn, Eng-

land's oddball improves with age: big

heart, big appetite, big tackle count.

small error court. Garforth, like Smith, is a silent type, which means Wood could talk for all three.

4 MARTIN JOHNSON (England):

The best front-jumping lock in the

world, end of story. Scott Murray en-

loved a wonderful championship in

the Scotland engine room, but no

selector with his brain fully engaged

would leave the Leicester captain

kicking his heels in the dug-out. Pure

5 TIM RODBER (England): Did not

enjoy the finest 90 seconds of his

career as the clock ran down at and he is out of favour.

combined. Quite an act.

standard for the Scottish pack.

stand-off's amanuensis - he is too much of an instigator for that - but he is certainly the anchor that keeps Townsend's flights of fancy within the realms of the possible.

do with it - and Henry carries so ing ever more darkly on prone bod- much clout down Cardiff way these days that he probably has ever area, the Scots have grabbed the thing to do with it - there will be their two big-hitters from south of zeitgeist in ranging their light more Leslie than Townsend about the Welsh reaction to Sunday's wonderfully romantic uprising in north London. The national coach, very much a one-step-at-a-time Messiah as opposed to a "Lo, there shall be light" type, insists that his Red

CHRIS HEWETT'S TEAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP Wembley on Sunday: one illegal tackle (apparently) and one missed tackle gave Scott Glbbs the chance he needed. Still, the other 330 minutes of the tournament underlined

> his importance. 6 COLIN CHARVIS (Wales): A Lion in the making, definitely. Along with Chris Wyatt, a herolc line-out figure. Charvis gave the Welsh pack its edge, its authority, its competitive streak. He also gave Graham Henry a base on which to construct a forward unit capable of living with the best this autumn.

> 7 RICHARD HILL (England): A con-troversial call, perhaps. Neil Back is, regardless of his costly foux pas against Wales, a remarkable talent, but Hill made the English back row tick while playing out of position on the blind-side flank. Think what he could achieve if he was played in his

rightful place. 8 LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO (England): Two almighty games against Ircland and Wales: the force of his tackling and the dynamism of his driving confirmed him as Europe's most accomplished loose forward. Only Abdel Benazzi, the former French captain, demands comparison -

David Ashdown experienced only on Lions tours: cannot be pigeon-holed merely as his Dragons cannot yet be considered a "top team". He is right, of course; players and supporters alike will

remember the victory over England until their dying day, but they should also remember the pig's ear they If Graham Henry has anything to made of the Scotland match and the shambolic indiscipline that led to their demise against the Irish. All the same, Henry was cute enough to use the Irish setback as an excuse to reshape the pack in his

own image; the emergence of Peter Rogers and Ben Evans in the front row was, and is, a mighty bonus for a nation still living in the bygone era of Graham Price and the Viet Gwent. Whether they will still be seen as a bonus by the time Federico Mendez and his fellow Argentinians have finished mashing them into corned beef in Buenos Aires this summer remains to be seen. If the tight-five emerge smiling from that little test of sinew and spirit, Wales will surely reach a first World Cup quarter-final in 12 years.

As for Ireland and France, the Five Nations told us everything (about the former) and nothing (about the latter). Ireland have forwards - big, bard, borrible forwards - but they remain in a time-warp, particularly when the gifted Eric Miller is relegated to bench duty. That the Tricolores did not even make it to the starting post was the tournament's only downer, but they will be a different proposition come World Cup time: Sadourny, Glas, Magne, the Lievremont brothers and, quite probably, Benazzi will be back to rekindle the

The Five Nations flame will not be rekindled, of course; Italy join the happy throng next year and they will bring something new and unpredictable to the expanded competition. After this season's fun and games, it is not at all clear how much more unpredictability we can take.

HIGHS AND WOES OF THE FIVE **NATIONS**

GAME OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: WALES V ENGLAND

But what about those try-laden classics at the Stade de France?" you ask. It depends what you mean by classic. The France-Wales match certainly had a tingle about it, but the whole point about Wembley on Sunday was that the players not only ran, but tackled. Rugby is its true self only when the beauty shares centre stage with the beast.

ANGUISHED CRY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: RAPHAEL IBANEZ

The French captain let rip at Philippe Carbonneau as Gregor Townsend bisected the two of them en route to the Tricolore line for Scotland's third try in five unfathomable minutes. So primal was the Ibanez scream that It lifted him clean off his feet. His voice now hoarse, he suffered the remaining 66 minutes of Scottish humiliation in silence.

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All that rain, all that paint, all that embarrassment. The cynlcs among us still suspect one of two things: one, that it was an attempt to introduce "player branding" through the back door or two. that it was a clever French plot to get Keith Wood playing in a blue shirt. Either way, It looked pretty daft.

STRAW-CLUTCHING QUOTE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: CLIVE WOODWARD

As we speak, Jeremy Guscott Is 100 per-cent fit," said the England coach last Wednesday on announcing his side for the Wales match. He might, of course, have added: "By the time we stop speaking, he'll probably be 100 per-cent unfit." Guscott pulled out the following morning.

ABIDING MEMORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: FIVE DRUNKEN WELSHMEN

No, not a right five of drunken Welshmen, but a quintet of tired and emotional red-shirted supporters who serenaded the working press long into Sunday evening with endless choruses of a new Stereophonics number endded "As Long As We Beat The English." Well, it was better than "Swing Low Sweet Charlot".

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Wales found redemption at church of Wemblev

EVEN BEFORE the climax to Sunday's game, I thought I could understand why my fellow-countrymen - and, increasingly, countrywomen - took to Wembley as they did.

To the working classes the stadium was always the greatest sporting temple in the islands, prominently featured (along with the Albert Hall and Broadcasting House) in all the children's encyclopaedias.

Congregations would attend to watch the Cup finals in both football and rugby league. There they saw England beat West Germany in the World Cup. They would fill the church to its then-capacity of 100,000 for the land: once one of the great occasions in the sporting calendar, now part of the faded scrapbook, as forgotten as Russian books or the New Look,



ALAN WATKINS

cold place; home of promises broken, hopes unfulfilled. In its modern, match between England and Scot- grey, concrete ciothing it is even more menacing, partly because the English bave lost some of their inhibitions (though off the field rather than on it) and at last learnt Twickenham, by contrast, was a to sing, loudly if not always tunefully.

Sunday's game did seem like a taking place in Cardiff rather than in north London. "Swing Low, Sweet the dressing-rooms of such teams as Harlequins and Richmond. It was crowd. On Sunday it was sung only

once, not very convincingly at that. This was odd, because England were the better side. At half-time they were leading not only on points tent outside-half. Any other country, but by three tries to nil.

I do not want to take anything away from Wales' fighting spirit in the second half or from Scott Gibbs' great try, which will go down in rugby history and Welsh mythology. In 50 years' time, if the game is still being played in Wales, he will have beaten not six Englishmen, but an

The hero of the early evening. genuine bome match for Wales. bowever, was Neil Jenkins. Here I claim some consistency. In Wales' darkest days, when they were being Chariot" used to be sung mainly in beaten by such countries such as Western Samoa - and when I remarked that it was lucky they had then adopted by the Twickenham not been playing the whole of Samoa - it was Jenkins' boot which gave the scoreline a semblance of respectability.

He was also a perfectly compeeven New Zealand after Grant Fox or South Africa after Joel Stransky, would have welcomed bim into their side. Only in Wales did be find no honour. He was blamed for not being Barry John or Phil Bennett. Cliff Morgan or David Watkins. I wrote this at the time not only to encourage the boy but also because I believed it to be true.

In 1997 Jenkins, with a little who, as they say in Wales, have no help from Gibbs, Jeremy Guscott. Matt Dawson and others, won a Lions series in South Africa. But he did not enjoy bimself because he was playing full-back, with Gregor Townsend the first choice at outside-half and, after Townsend was injured, Mike Catt.

On his return to Wales he informed the authorities - this was before the accession of Graham Henry - that if be was not to be picked at outside-half, he did not want to be picked at all. Wisely, Henry acceded to Jenkins' demand. not simply for the sake of peace and concord, but because he considered him to be good at his job.

Henry's other achievements include solving the loose-head problem with Peter Rogers and accommodating the Quinnell brothers

harm in them - except sometimes on the field. He should still be looking for at least one wing.

Rogers I consider to be a legibmate Welsh selection. His father came from near Llanelli and, like Craig Quinnell, be was educated at Llandovery. Tony Horton, like him, learnt bis propping in South Africa: that did not make him any the less an Englishman. But other players such as Shane Howarth and Brett Sinkinson for Wales, Glenn Metcalfe and the Leslie brothers for Scotland - true New Zealanders all - present two difficulties.

The first concerns the World Cup. They may well find themselves playing for Scotland or Wales against what is in reality their native land. All the indications are that they will want to play their joins the pantheon.

respective British Isles countries will pick them and New Zealand or South Africa (whence some players

hail also) will raise no objections. The second difficulty concerns the next Lions tour, if it ever takes place. It was raised by Gerald Davies in another newspaper a couple of weeks ago. His view, and that of several other former Lions be had spoken to, was that a more stringent qualification process for players is needed than the one applied to the Five (or soon to be Six) Nations' Championship and the World Cup.

Can a player be an honorary Welshman, Scotsman or Irishman for one rugby purpose, but not for another? At any rate there is a perfectly good Lions replacement for John Leslie in Scott Gibbs, who now

rari's chances of winning the

heen sluiced away in the Aus-

tralian Grand Prix, even though

Eddie Irvine won that race. The

had so stunned the team that the

less psychologically strong

members had already sunk

deep into typically Italian doom

and gloom. Last weekend in

Brazil their mood went up and

down faster than inflation in São

Paulo, but after Michael Schu-

macher's strong drive to second

place a new mood of optimism

This fragile psychology must

drive the team's pragmatists,

such as the technical director.

pervaded the camp.

IF YOU believed the pessimists Ross Brawn, and sporting in Interlagos last Thursday, Ferdirector, Jean Todi, to distrac-

world championship had long box perpetually coiled, ready to

sheer speed of the McLarens the sport's most charismatic

world title.

tion, for it is like a jack-in-the-

spring forth the moment any-

one lifts the lid to peep inside.

team is that this is the third con-

secutive season in which their

pre-season optimism has been

shattered in the first race. And

it is 20 years since Jody Scheck-

ter rode a Prancing Horse to a

Hiring Schumacher - a man

whose salary could take a chunk

out of third-world debt - has

been the most costly undertak-

ing in the Scuderia's illustrious

history and there are people who

want to see a return on the stag-

The underlying problem for

gering investment. For three

years Ferrari has been predict-

ing world championship suc-

cess, only to he outgunned

either by Williams or, latterly, by

McLaren. Patience and psy-

chology is wearing thin, which

serves only to increase the pres-

sure the team are working

under. The near-misses of the

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McLaren's sheer speed in Mel-

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unreliable - and Stephen Hendry - who is eminently beatable nowadays - in the quarters and semis. the final. "Parrot played well enough

Parrott is the Crucible value

uled to run into Ronnie 90 minutes in their FA Cup O'Sullivan - who is completely semi-final replay. Newcastle are favourites to win the FA Cup outright simply by virtue of the fact they are already in Whoever wins tomorrow night will most certainly be when reaching the quarterfinals of the British Open

the favourites at 1-2 to beat the Magpies at Wembley.

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four strokes and left the 25 year old tied for sixth.

"There is no doubt in my mind after today that I can win a major," Westwood said. "It was nice to get into a position to win for the first time. Obviously, the 10th, 11th and 12th were disappointing but to be two-under from there on was pleasing. I enjoyed every minute of it out there. They say

to top 16

SNOOKER

FERGAL O'BRIEN captured the

first professional title of his

career in Plymouth with victo-

rv over Anthony Hamilton in

O'Brien came from 2-0, 4-3

and later 7-6 down on Sunday

night to win 9-7 as he oicked up

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260,000. The additional bonus

for him is a place in the world

top 16 rankings for the first time

as the circuit prepares to move

on to Sheffield for the Embassy

World Championshio, which

O'Brien knocked out the de-

fending champion John Higgins

in the last four and he followed

that up with his historic win over

Hamilton, who was also ap-

pearing in his first major final.

from Nottingham, did not dis-

grace himself; in fact, he re-

peatedly outscored O'Brien hut

the Dubliner held his nerve

when it mattered as he became

only the third Republic of Ire-

Hamilton, the world No 11

starts on Saturday.

the British Open final.

A round of 71 meant he out-

played partner Tiger Woods hy

tially compensated by his finish. until the back nine on Sunday and you doo't realise how true that is until you stand on the hill at 11 overlooking Amen Corner. I have to admit my stomach

was in knots." From tee to green Woods coped well with a course that was meant to be Tiger-proofed hut he had even less luck on the greens than Montgomerie usually has, which is saying something. The other man whom all the build up was about, the world No 1. David Duval, did make a last-day charge. His 70

was the lowest score of the day but, after going in the pond at 11, he could not quite set a target to trouble the leaders.

Asked if the expectations had been too high at the start of the week for a man who had won the previous two tournaments. Duval replied: "No. but it is never a good bet to pick one player to win. I'd take the field against your player and I'll win more often, even if you pick me. I came in playing well and thinking well, but I failed to put

that they gave us last year was Italian team. And the reliability bloody great. That tyre had fantastic traction, you could do anything with it. We haven't quite got to that stage yet with the tyres we have this year." Despite such technical set-

their poor opening race. That is something for which F1 fans can feel profoundly grateful. Ferrari's race performance was much more convincing on Sunday after aerodynamic changes enabled Schumacher to look far more competitive than he had in Melbourne. Though McLaren still had the

performance edge, second

place was a dramatic - and

backs, there are no signs that

Ferrari will roll over and die after

of both of their cars further increased their lead in the constructors' championship, too. It is McLaren doing the chasing right now. "We have a great team at Ferrari," Brawn says. "We're doing plenty of work, and if we can perform the way we did last year, we can do it."

Schumacher was delighted, and that is always bad news for rivals. "McLaren have set the target and we know what we have to do to reach that level of performance, and then to exceed it," he warned. "Ferrari has every capability to achieve this and we started to prove that this weekend. The points situation doesn't worry me at

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The Masters verdict: Relaxed Spaniard dedicates second success to family and the doctor who helped him play again

Ferrari's fragile ambitions buoyed in Brazil

Michael Schumacher's second place at São Paulo has calmed fears that

this year's F1 championship may be a one-horse race. By David Tremayne

strain and not to let the vagaries

mental equilibrium. Brawn

shrugs wearily at this. "Of

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McLaren's speed in Mel-

bourne," he admitted, "But we

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were deliberately cautious. Brawn knew that the full aero-

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such as McLaren or Williams

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mula One deal, an inevitable

factor of motor racing, factions

within Ferrari have always

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Where McLaren went for

prised." Irvine admitted.

Olazabal appears serene in green

BY ANDY FARRELL in Augusta

GREG NORMAN has had his sbare of 18th-hole hugs at Augusta, Jose Maria Olazahal's embrace of the Australian after winning the 63rd US Masters followed a similar gesture by Nick Faldo three years ago. "Jose is a lot thinner," Norman said when asked to compare the two experiences. Olazabal's victory, his second at Augusta which meant Mark O'Meara helped the Spaniard into his own green jacket, complete with the mis-spelling of his name on the inside label ("Olazabel"), was a truly emotional moment. Not least when Ollie as asked what he would do on eturning home. Tears intervened before he could reply: "I will embrace my family, for

He added: "I am happy for myself but also all my family and friends who supported me . through the bad times. To be achievement I couldn't dream about when I was at my lowest." That was in the summer of 1996 when he could barely walk. A proud and private individual, the 33 year old withdrew from the world, even from his family who live in the same house on the Royal San Sebastian course

where his grandfather and then father were the greenkeeper. "The situation was so bad that there was nothing even my parents or sister could say to cheer me up," be said. "I would not wish it on anyone. I just tried to hang on to hope."

That hope arrived in the form of a Munich doctor, Hans-Wilhelm Muller-Wohlfahrt, who found the answer to Olazabal's foot trouble was in a vertebrae problem in his lower hack. Part of this victory goes to him," Ollie said. "Without him I would not be here. He did a

wonderful job. "I will enjoy this victory more than the first one because of everything that has happened. The most positive thing

best simply to listen to the

experts. And Tim Pickering, the Tote's odds-compiling ge-

knowledge of everything from

indoor bowls to snooker, reck-

ons John Parrott is a good

each-way bet with Ladbrokes

at 25-1 for the World Snooker

Championship, which starts at the Crucible Theatre in

Pickering says: "John Hig-

gins is a solid favourite and

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Olazabal (right) and Sergio Garcia enjoy a Spanish double after Garcia finished as top amateur Reuters

1994 - Jose Maria Olazabai

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night was 99 per cent disap-

chance to win again. That's

Norman received a huge roar

from the gallery when be eagled

the 13th, but Olazabal made his

birdie to stay tied for the lead.

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game at the Crucible. At 12-1 (half the odds) to reach the final,

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Untied must he a fair bet to

fight out yet another draw in

Enough said.

Meanwhile,

the bit you miss."

THE EUROPEAN MASTERS

Jose Maria Olazabal's victory on Sunday night was the 11th by a European player in the event over 1989 - Nick Faldo 1990 - Nick Faldo the past 20 years. 1991 - Ian Woosnam 1993 - Bernhard Langer

The parade of champions is: 1980 - Seve Ballesteros 1983 - Seve Ballesteros

1985 - Bernhard Langer

to come out of all my problems is that I appreciate things in life more, things like just being

able to go out and enjoy the

weather or the scenery or being on a golf course." As they played in the final pairing of Sunday's round, Norman detected a serenity in the Spaniard that he recognised as something he came to appreciate during his ninemonth lay-off due to a shoulder surgery last year. "He looked in control," Norman said. "At times it didn't feel like the final

round of the Masters. He made it look that easy. "I wish I had this fresh approach to life 20 years ago. It cult it was." he said. has helped my golf. In 1996,

SPORTS BETTING

odds. The best bet lies in the

other half of the draw where

Parrott has a fairly straight-

forward task until being sched-

By IAN DAVIES

second shot at the 17th and a 7ft par-putt which maintained his two-stroke lead going to the last. That was his winning margin over Davis Love, the runner-up for the second time. Norman, one further back in third, finished in the top-three for the sixth time at Augusta.

"Of course I wanted to win, hut at the same time I believe Greg deserves a green jacket as much as anyone else," said Olazabal, who told the Australian as much in the recorder's but "I was impressed when be waited for me to share the walk up the 18th and it was nice what he said afterwards," Norman said. "Jose is a good person. He cares about the people around him."

Olazabal bas, however, sometimes lacked confidence in his own abilities, although his precise iron play and magical short game have given him a superb record at Augusta. But he only really helieved in himself when Gary Player took champions' dinner. "He looked at me with those eyes of his and kept saying that I needed to believe in myself. The determination in his words and the way

he said them helped me a lot. Olazabal's victory was the first in a major by a European for three years. While it has absolutely no significance what I was feeling on Sunday regarding Europe's chances in the Ryder Cup in Boston in Seppointment. Tonight it is 20 per tember, the tournament has cent disappointment and 80 had an effect on the European per cent success at having a

qualifying table. Ollie should not need to be picked as a wild card as he has so often in the past, Bernhard Langer and lan Woosnam picked up useful points and Lee Westwood went a long way to joining Colin Montgomerie as

"We looked at each other and we both understood," Olazabal said a guaranteed qualifier. In getting himself into a Norman bogeyed the next two share of the lead as he stood on while Olazabal hit a six-iron to the 10th tee. Westwood can now be said to have contended for a major for the first time. That he immediately dropped four shots on three of the hard-There remained a superb est holes on the course was par-

SNOOKER

R Doherty 10-1 14-1 12-1 14-1 11 1 3 Parrott 16-1 20-1 25-1 20-1 20-1

TO WIN FA CUP



Brazil, close enough to lead for

and if there is a still a perfor-

mance gap, it is far smaller than

it was five weeks ago. The scene

looks set for another cracking

"We don't yet have enough

rip and we are still learning

how to use the Bridgestone

tyres properly, both in qualify-

ing and the race." Brawn says.

Irvine points out that Goodyear

tyres were last year the secret.

weapon that allowed Ferrari to

get on terms with McLaren.

"The construction of the tyre

world championship contest.

the Masters does not begin it all together." O'Brien BANK OF SCOTLAND® elevated INTEREST RATE CHANGE.

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37 Peterborough v Torquay . 38 Plymouth v Southend 39 Rochdale v Chester

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

FOUR DRAWS: Charlton v Leeds, Coven-try v Middlesbrough, Soutrampton v Blackburn; West Ham v Derby Pools forecast selections by fun Durie

ing: Dumbarton v Brechin, Montrive v Stenhousemun, Ross County v Oveen's Park, Sanday: Berwick v Cowdenbeath

v Mansfield, Darlington v Cambridge Utd Hull City v Scunthorpe, Ountermline v ful-

land professional - after Ken Doherty and Paisy Fagan - to collect one of the game's major

Tedburrow to dig deep in Abernant

BLEAK, SOULLESS, depressing. These are all perfectly fair descriptions of the Rowley Mile which grips punters, trainers racecourse at Newmarket, and today they will be more true meeting the first of the season sonal or career debuts, could at Flat racing's headquarters, will take place at the far more agreeable July course, about a mile down the road. So too will the rest of Newmarket's 1999 programme, including the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas in little more than a fortnight's time.

The only shame about this arrangement is that it is temporary, to allow the Rowley Mile to he redeveloped at a cost first day, is the perfect example. of millions. Even a Tesco superstore or a Drive-Thru Mc-Donalds would be a better use of that particular patch of Newmarket Heath.

The great attraction of this meeting is the atmosphere of 33-1. There is little way of knowmeeting is the atmosphere of blind, irrepressible optimism ing, though, what effect anoth- TEDBURROW (nap 2.35). to back him after an eye-catch- the 1.000 Guineas. Olivier De-

and jockeys alike. The horses, the great majority of whom than ever because the Craven are making either their seaturn out to be absolutely anything, and the Nell Gwyn

> RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Ambleside (Exeter 3.30) NB: Bahamian Bandit (Newmarket 4.45)

Stakes, the feature race of the The 11 fillies declared for the race yesterday are not an out-standing hunch. Circle Of Gold is the one who figures most prominently in the 1,000

er winter will have had on Amazing Dream. who won a valuable contest at The Curragh last season, or Enemy Acbon, who was less than two lengths behind the ill-fated Bint Allayl in the Lowther Stakes at York last August.

Nor does it matter that Wannabe Grand. last year's Cheveley Park Stakes winner. was taken out of the race at the overnight stage. Jeremy Noseda, ber trainer, said vesterday. 'She is in good form and will go straight for the Guineas, that is the only race that matters." Hints for the Guineas and

other Classics later in the season are the only reason anyone should watch the Nell Gwyn. A bet is out of the question, because the form is imponderable after six months in which all of the runners will have matured

The other good bet is Franco Mina mext best 3.40), al-

Now seven, he is the exception

who proves the rule that good

Flat horses come and go before

you can become fond of them.

and he seemed to run as well

ing run last time out. He start- louze, her regular rider, will ed favourite for every race he ran in as a two-year-old, and will probably do so again today.

Classic news vesterday concerned Commander Collins. to the 2,000 Guineas on 1 May without a prep race, and Moia-

miss the Classic after picking up a 15-day ban at Longchamp on Sunday, and Criquette Head. the filly's trainer said yesterday that she has offered the ride on

Cecil, who retains him, does not bave a runner in the race. "Henry Cecil is likely to have a Guineas, is also expected to

live one in the race and if he has I will not be able to ride the French filly," Fallon said at Windsor yesterday.

There were entries too yesterday for the Greenham ber's Dewhurst Stakes. Enrique, 8-1 for the 2,000

run. Mick Channon's Golden Silca, successful four times at Newbury last season including in the Group Two Mill Reet Stakes, is set to reappear at the Berkshire track in the Dubai Duty Free Stakes - formerly the Fred Darling Stakes - over seven furlongs and 64 yards on Friday. However, Peter Makin's Imperial Beauty will not now



as he ever has when winning Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, Moiava to Kieron Fallon. last season's Racing Post Trothe Cammidge Trophy at Donbeaded by Auction House, run-Fallon, though, will not be phy winner, who will go straight caster's Lincoln meeting. ner-up to Mujahid in last Octoable to accept unless Henry

Peering perilously into a four-legged future

TV PUNDITS will speak in hushed tones from the paddock rails and Newmarket touts will be wheeled out from their hiding places to frighten pigeon fanciers with tales from the gallops. This is the hig week of Classic trials.

While not yet the time wben time when most punters on the Classics first take notice. Despite a welter of market moves in a huild-up that can take 12 months, the majority of antepost bets on the Guineas will be placed in the final four weeks.

The total varies from year to year but the industry-wide ante-post book on the 2,000 Guineas (which dwarfs that for the 1,000) will probably be more than £1m. Perhaps a third of that sum was staked during the two-year-old season, and another 10 per cent has followed since the wraps came off on the training grounds in February. Cecil charge, Ballet Master.

ting often centres on the first appearance in public of some creature that has been burning up the gallops, or the day when two or more of the top juveniles come face to face.

In the former category, chief arsonist of 1998 was Killer Inthe talking has to stop. It is the stinct, a 25-1 to 8-1 Guineas gamble in the run-up to his debut on 24 July. Just how much money was required to induce this price change is a better guarded secret than the Warren Place opinion of Killer Instinct ever was, but the legacy is that Killer Instinct is the biggest industry loser. What might have happened if Killer Instinct had actually won that race?

Killer Instinct has made the same move in the betting again, only rather more stealthily, over the last two months. Other winter changes include a halv- placed on raceday ltseif. ing in price for another Henry

Ladbrokes' spokesman, Ed Nicholson, also reports: "We've beeo laying Commander Collins not just for the Guineas, not just for the Derby, hut for the double as well." Having taken a £2,000 bet at 33-1 for the Manton colt hefore his debut, the firm has added its largest single bet on the Guineas last month, £10,000 at 12-1.

Although the bookmakers always try to balance their books, Rob Hartnett of the Tote says: "We are happy if we can get to the day of the race and have three or four horses in the book that are losers. That is a very good ante-post book, in fact it is an exceptionally good one. Before marvelling at their

risk-taking, hear in mind that the entire ante-post market amounts to the equivalent of at most. 10 per cent of the bets

It is a service which punters

Richard Austen unearths the pitfalls lurking in ante-post betting markets

post betting is a massive pro- keep people's passion alive in motional tool for the bookies horseracing, to keep them inand the sport. "It is difficult to put a value on what that means for racing," Hartnett says. "but it would be a fool that would

underestimate it. We need to PR men enjoy an investment

terested, and there's no greater spur to maintaining an interest than baving an investment." The bookmakers' on-course

	The second second	ON 2.000		out to be the top two-year-old with the Classic credentials.' The Killer Instinct gambl
	Corst	William HH	Tote	may have spread to the hig
Mujehid	927 at 43-1 (E/B/98) E1000 at 6-1 (18/2/99)	25es et 33-1 (70.7/95) no £10002 bet	060ew at 33-1 (8-7/96) 020000-022000 (26/3/99)	street before he ever set off i
Mitali	\$100 at 25-1 (76/10:36) \$1200 at 20-1 (27/2:99)	25-1 in £30 treble £22/11/96) no £1,000 bet	2000 at 50-1 (1070)98) 2000 at 10-1 (2673)99)	there is no pretending that th
Killer Instinct	\$25ew at 50-1 (1/5/38) \$1000 at 10-1 (26/7/98)	\$50 at 25-1 G/7/98) \$2000 at 25-1 (4/7/98)	\$300 at 50-1 \$25.98 \$40000-\$1000 \$27.58	ante-post market on light raced two-year-olds is respon
Commender Collins	500 at 33-1 (67/98) 52000 at 10-1 (29/3 97)	£1000 at 40-1 (\$77.98) deta	£1500 at 40-1 (8.77/98) drip	sive to money alone. "We know our customer
Enrique	20 at 25-1 (30-7/96) 2000 at 11-2 (210/98)	\$200 at 504 (177 98) \$4000 at 7-1 (2/10-99)	\$200 at 25-1 (10/7-98) \$2000 (2,500 (2)10,98)	very well," Simon Clare, of Coral, says. "We know which
Stravinsky	\$50 at 40-1 (78 7798) \$1000 at 6-1 (21,3/98)	\$100 at 100-176/5/98 \$1000 at 33-1 1777-98	250 at 40-1 (16/7:36) 250000-64000 (21/8:96	customers are well connecte with which yards. So when yo

would be a temptation, one tain sources, you shorten it. You suspects, given that they aim to know which are the cream of the two-year-olds in the major

yards before they have run. "You will always lay them at a hig price prior to their debuts," David Hood, of William Hill, says. "You might only lay eight or 10 horses a year to proper money, but you can bet your bottom dollar they'll turn out to be the top two-year-olds with the Classic credentials."

nate because it means that you don't lay many runners, you simply lay the ones inspired by

profit-making enterprise."

before it".

themselves, apparently. It see the money come from cer- For the man in the street, speculating on the evidence of a perreact to the quality of the money formance he's seen in a trial, it's oing to be difficult to stay in

More informed or otherwise punters would miss their quest to secure 33-1 about the next Nijinsky. Or even to secure more than 33-1. On 2 October, 1998, the Tote struck their first bet on the 2,000 Derby - £10 each-way at 150-1 about the record-priced foal by Caerieon out of Doff The Derby, now called Padua's Pride. The previous May less than two months after she was born, they laid a £15 bet at 1,500-1 against a filly (since named Hanoi), by Deploy out of A Nymph Too Far, to win

the Oaks. 2,000 Guineas: Bookmakers' biggest losens et 1 April this year; Ladbrokes: 1 Commander Collins, 2, Killer Instanct, 3, Stravinsky Corat: 1, Stravinsky, 2, Entique, 3, Killer In-William Hill: 1 Killer Instinct, 2 Enrique, 3.

NEWMARKET

2.05 Ramruna 2.35 Hill Magic 3.10 Hawrivah 3.40 Calcutta

4.1S Sartorial 4.45 Ettrick 5.20 Storm HIII

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: tm2! 8 tm4! - stands side; remainder - far side.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low best when stalls far side.

Right-hand course with tim straight July course

Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations.

ADMISSION: Cuto. Etc. Brail-price 16-25-year-olds; Grandstand & Paddock CTI (half-price 16-25-year-olds; CAP). Discounts if booked 14 days in advancel. CAR PARK; Free parking available.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS [2] LEADING TRAINERS: H Cocil 42: 90 (26.3%) B Hills: 24-239 (10%), Sased bin Surcor 21:78 (23.9%), J Dunitop 21:488 (11.2%), L Cumani 17:422 (13.9%), J Gosden 16:45 (1%), E LEADING JOCKEYS: L Detton 54:232 (16.5%), Part Eddery 40:255 (57.7%), K Pelfon 39-229 (17%), R Hills 29-207 (14%), M Hills 25-232 (10.8%), J Reid 21-263 (3%).

P FAVOURITES: 203 wins from 594 races (success rate 34.2%).
TONGUE STRAP: Oirect Deal (5.20). AUNKERED FIRST TIME: None.

2.05 APRIL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added C4

ARTENGS

ALL THE WAY (227) Light Humphreys Turf Accounteres; T M86 9 0 T Quinn 7 86

533-30 CHALLENGES (FR) (8) U.S Guitary 8 Meethan 9 0 W.J O'Corners 2 86

COURT OF JUSTICE (USA) (FILE Sangster) P Chapple Hyann 9 0 Fortune 4 4 EL MOBASHERR (USA) (Shekh Ahmed Al Makhtumi M. Janus 9 0 L. Dettort 6 5 ELBUTRABAN (198) (Hamdan Al Makhtumi 8 His 9 0 File Hills 10 64 55 C. (PLEDGEALLEGIANCE (18)(BF) (Makhtumi Al Makhtumi E Curtop 9 0 Pat Eddery 3 94 23 TIME ZONE (164) (WAY Hall Stud) C Entrain 9 0 P Robinson 1 104 WAR CABINET (A Abdulle) H Cecl 9 0 WAR CABINET (A Abdulle) H W

1995 Capri 3 9 0 K Fallon 13-8 fav (H Cecil) drawn (T) x) ran **FORM GUIDE**

All The Way: Bred for long trps, but measure of pace and promise when 1' lengths 3rd to Pulau Troman in Nothingham for maiden in August. Notable jockey booking Challenges: Promise in France tast ferm and when 8' lengths 3rd to Turaath at Don-Challenges: Promise in France test term and when 8" lengths 3rd to Turasth at Don-caster (tind) marten) lest month out disappointing when binkered at Kempton since Court Of Nustice: Alleged son of Captive Island, closely related to high class middle-distance performer Court of Honour. One to note in the betting El Mobasherr: Machivellan cold, brother to a winner and half-brother to 2 others in-cluding useful Keboot. Derby entry from in-form yerd and interesting jockey booking Elimitabolid: Derby-entered Unituwan "in-brother to Bawsan Promising 8 lengths 5th of 20 to Ernds at Doncaster (7th anaders, good to soft), in Nov and Biely major player liptedgeattegiance: Backed to confirm juvenite promise when disappointing 5 lengths 2nd of 15 to Turasth at Doncaster firm? I midden, good to soft), More on here Time Zone: Form pick on strong-finishing 2 lengths 3nd of 7 to Admain in fin2 lessed contest here in Oct isoft). Bred to stay, yard off the mark and one to consider War Cabinet: Rainbow Quest colf but of Baleta, naff-brother to the useful miler Bami-cade Looks stable second-string here

cade Looks stable second-string here Zilarator: Zizai gelding out of Allegedly, half-brother to several winners including the useful slaying handicapper Per Cuod userum staying nanoncapper re-cooling. Raminumes Stoully-bred Caks entry who looked stayer in the making when betten 3 longths by Magda in ordinary. Im makinin Nottingham last beckend. Yard seeking five-

VERIDICT: Henry Cecils record in this race renders RAMRUMA difficult to oppose She is sure to leave previous form behind with the step up in trip. Chief danger could be Time Zone, who showed promise in useful company last term and should be close to his peak for Clive Brittain.

2.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS ABERNANT STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £20,000 added 6f £13,103

6:52-1	TEDBURROW (17) (C) (D) (Philo Daves) E Aston 799
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3551	GOLD EDGE (179) (D) (Lady Whenland Frends) R Hannon 4 9 7 Dans O'Nell 9 11
2000	BOLD FACT (USA) (201) (CD) (BF) (* Abdulla) H Caci 4 9 7 K Fallon 10 11
34011-	GORSE (157) (D) (Greenfield Ltd) H Candy 4 9 7
Care	
050-36	ALWAYS ALIGHT (8) (D) (M Names-Crocker) K Surke 5 9 3 J F Egan 12 10
030-54	CRETAN GIFT (8) (D) (T Clarke) N Littmoden S 9 3 L Dettori 13 B 71
57303	DASHING BLUE (194) (D) (Mrs Duncan Allen) Balcing 8 9 3
06.00°	EASY DOLLAR (157) (CD) (Bran Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 7 93 R Hughes 11 B 11
UC63-1	HILL MAGRC (6) (D) (Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) D Elsworth 4 9 3 M Polland 7 11
	STYLISH WAYS (162) (CD) (Lan Hall) J Pearce 7 9 3 R Price 8 8
013±C-	
01722	EASTERN LYRIC (221) (R Meredith) C Britain 4 8 12
	2000-2 2001- 2001- 2001- 200-36 200-54 5000- 200-1 1000-1

SETTING: 4-1 Bold Fact. 5-1 HIN Magic. 11-2 Tedburger, 7-1 Deshing Blue, Tipay Creek, 8-1 Bold Edge, 9-1 Gorse. 12-1 Nenoushka, Yorkles Boy. 18-1 Cetar Gift, 28-1 Always Alight, 33-1 others 1998 Tedburger 6-9 2 K Faton 10-1 (E Alston) drawn (5) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

Tadburrow: Last year's winner, but 6th more this time after Irish Group 3 wn. Impressive 3 length winner over Yorkee Boy from bad draw on Doncaster rearm (6t good to soft) but locks up against it at the weights, Yorkdes Boy: Winner of 5t Palace Houso Stakes here last May. Probably most effective at minimum tinp and looks held by Tedburrow on Doncaster form Bold Edge: First-time Laccester winter last ferm and close up in good company before beating Tedburrow (gave 5tb) a neck at Newmarket in October. Should be thereabouts, but yard unusually slow off the mark this term.

Bold Fact: Dual fisted winner tast term, but held by Bold Edge on Jersey Stakes form and irrelations exposed by 8th in July Cup. Probably most effective on firm ground Gorse: First time winner last term and twice unlucky before bearing Yorke's Boy (gave and arritations explosed by the in July Cut. Probably most elective to him ground Gorse: First time winter last term and twice unducky before bearing York-is Boy (gave 6b) a neck at Doncaster (6f) in Nov. Something to find but open to improvement Tipsay Creeks Box to best after mury when beat Boxd Stige (rec 3b) 2 lengths over CAD in August, but tame again on final start. Weighted to go close Always Afight. Ayr Gold Cup winner in September, out exposed in this grade and plenty to find with Techumow and Yorkies Boy on Doncaster numing fast month Cretan Gift: Usually thereabouts and weighted to reverse last season's placings here with Techumow, but hard to ver with and below his best this term. Deathing Blaue: Form pick on Nunthiorpe 2% lengths 3rd to Lochanget, but taked to reproduce that ruming. 5th in this race last year and deserted by Defton nov Easy Doffar: Smart at his best but well below form in two starts lass season following injury and probably best watched for the present. Hill Magier: Progressive handcapper last season. Apparently much improved when bearing Brave Edge a tength on Kempton return, although possibly factived by draw Styllish Wayes Modest handicapper who looks well but of his depth, even on lates! Haydock win over Jurnet in October Nemoushka: Dual listed winner last term. Goes very well for Pat Eddery and entitled to respect on Deatwille 3-length 3rd to Andreyev in August. One to consider Eastern Lyric: Tree-brine handcap soore for Jack Berry First run for new yard VERIDICT: A Group 3 penalty sets a big Lask for Tedburrow, who won this in con-

VERTILICIT: A Group 3 penalty sets a big task for Tediburrow, who won this in convincing style list season and has not deteriorated, judging by his Doncaster success. But there may be more value in GORSE, who looked very promising early last reimbut only began to live up to his potential in the classing weeks of the campaign.

3.10 NELL GWYN STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A)

<u> 10</u>	£35,000 added 3YO filles 7f £20,000	04
0211-	AMAZING DREAM (227) (Jubert Family) Fi Harron 9 9	Dane O'Neil B
	ATLANTIC DESTRIY (178) (Allantic Pacing Limited) M Johnston 89	0 Holland 1 8
	CIRCLE OF GOLD (196) (D) IR Sangstert F Chapple-Hyam 9 9	J Fortune 3 1
	ELWAY STAR (231) (Elway Racing Partnersho) E Harbury \$9 .	W Byan 13
	ENEMY ACTION (USA) (219) (Cheden Stud) H Catal 8 9.	K Fallon 10 1
	FRAPPE (199) (BF) (A E Opperhemer) G Wragg 8 9	M Roberts 2 I
	HAWRIYAH (USA) (183) (D) (Hamcan Al Maidcom) J Custop 8 9	. Filliss
	LANZENA (185) (F. N. Prochet) G Wags 89	T Quina 5
	NOUF (18) (D) (Schaman Abstery) K Ward 89	. J Quarter 9 In
	SIG LODGE (183) (D) PA'S Sean M Coarsi C Britain 99	P Robinson 7
3432	VALENTINE WALTZ (178) (D) (Nathy Mahar Syndology, J Gordon 5.9	L Delton 3 I

- 11 declared BETTING: 7-2 Circle Of Gold, 9-2 Valentine Waltz, 11-2 Enemy Action, 6-1 Atlantic Destiny, 7-1 Hout. 8-1 Amazing Dream, 12-1 Hawnyah, Lanzena, 14-1 others 1998 Cloud Castle 3 8 9 J Red 33-1 (C Britain) drawn (4) 7 ran

FORM GUIDE

Amening Dream: Smart filly, ended a fine season when making virtually at at the Cur-ragh (6t good) in August. Improved with every run last year but could be vulnerable over this extra farlong
Attantic Destiny, Ran consistently in good class company last season and showed
she stays this trip when ith in a Group 2 evention the Browley course in October Little
to choose between her and Circle Of Gold on their running in the Cheveley Past the

Circle Of Gold: Not a straightforward ride and needs to be held up. Stayed on in the dosing stages when 6th, a shihd behind Attornic Destiny to Wannabe Grand on her list, attempt at this trip on the Rowley course in Odicbet and holds a 1000 Guineas.

entry

Eliway Start: Easy in the market (5-1 to 9-1) when successful on her only outing last season in a Lingfield marker (51 good to firm) in August. Big step up in the and class, but is entered in the 1000 Gumeas.

Enterty Actions: Won twice over of last season on last ground. Only disappointing effort when 11th of 12 at the Curragh (71 yielding to soft) in September when jockey reported that she slipped leaving the stalls. Has the scope to do well in her 2nd season and is entered in the 1000 Gurrags.

France Kempley, market warners (6) ports on start in September to the observed of

Frappe: Kemptom maden witner (6), sortly on Jobut in September, but weakened 21 out when 7th c1 8 to Substo at Ascot (7), good) next time. Something of an unknown quantity, but laces a stiff test.

Hawriyah: Confirmed promise of debut when warning Ledester maden (7), good to soft) in October, Lifely to be suited by a fast run race and could prove a good deal.

better than that bare form suggests
Lamzena: Promising that to Zippergate and subsequent Kempton winner Candenggs on debut on Bowley course (it, good to sofit) in October From the same tarrity as irish Daks womer Ebadyta she will be suited by this entra furiong and is entered in the

Nout, Missed break when making a winning debut at Doncaster (71 good to soft). Shak-en up and drew 70 lengths clear inside final furlong, so no stamma doubts but big step

up in class. Ski Lodger Leicester maiden winner (7t, good to soft) in October Will have to improve considerably on what she has shown so far, but stable won this less year. Valentime Walker Trained by Acidin O'Bnen for her first 4 outnigs less season, she won a Brighton maider 6t 1t good in 8 petiember. Showed improved form next 2 starts and had Atlantic Destry 1: length back in 4th when 2nd to Mula Angel in a Group 2 event on the Rowley course in October (7t, good). Should go close it she has trained on VERDINGT. These bottoms are some continued to the course of the starts and the Rowley course in October (7t, good). Should go close it she has trained on VERDICT: There have been a few upsets in this event in the last few years writh no winning levourite since 1991. John Durlop, who won this in 1994, can continue his fine start to the season with HAWRIYAH.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (CLASS C) \$10.000

_	170	added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £7,786	Q-T	
		RED DELIFICAN (195) (SP) (Terry Neil) R Harron 87	_ R Hughes 17 103	
		TOUGH GUY (171) (CD) (BF) (Soon Let RA Mison) M Javo 95		
		ADELPHI SOY (17) (Sarry Brown) M Chapman 9.4.	5 Augiston 14 91	
			.N Pollard (3) 10 98	
		CHANFAGNE PADER (257) (BF) (Highgrove Developments) A Morkal	Me 94 JF Egen 2102	
		HADLEIGH (182) (C G Donoxon) R Ametrong 8 T8		
	CTO-4	FRANCO MINA (17) (& Mrs Gary Pricter) M Crostron 8 11	T Quám 8 106	
		BILLY MCCAW (247) (Lord Lloyd-Victor) P Cole 6 to	_ K Fation 5 101	
	331-	CALCUTTA (269) ithe hon Mrs J Corbett & J Harsont & His 89	. MHES 2 117	
	532.2	GAUNTLET (18) (BF) (M Older) J Noseca 6 8	Pat Eddery 4 100	
	EDIG-	COLONEL MUSTAPID (215) (NS. In Hopper) J Faretone 8 ?	R Cockane 17 108	
	3302	BLUE STAR (176) (BF) (T Clarke) N Leproden 8 6	D Holland 19 110	
		BLACK SILK (196) IS Fustoly C Wall 84.	O Hand 13 100	

13 S226 CASHMR (191) IP McGurmess & Mr S J Hermand A Stemant 8 3. . . . C Ruster 18 99
15 2060 ROUTE SOTT SOT (1731 (9) LI 5 R Lesure Lid G L Moore 8 3 J Quitan 20 97
15 203 BODFAR GUARRY (157) (Botten Stud Linf) 5 Hid 9 2 . . . K Sted (5) 1 to 1
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Red Detertum: Generally consistent after early-season Goodwood success last term, but twice beaten in handicaps from around this mark and looks up against it. but twice bostern in handicaps from around this mark and looks up against it Tough Guy: Wound up promising juvenile campaign with good efforts at Ascot and Domosters, but weighted up to his best and valuerable. Adelphil Boy: Looked thoroughly exposed until career-best 2/s lengths 3rd of 7 to Kuwatt Down at Domoster (hi hour, good to soft). Difficult task from 7th higher Maple? One win from 9 starts last term and high in weights on 2 lengths 3rd to Enterne here (5) hour, good of the 1f Flanders in Newbury Super Spmil last July but deappointing only subsequent start and scletned afterwards. Market best guide Hadlerght: Weighted to bear Marke on kempton 6) win in August. Desappointing afterwards and difficult to assess, although from last year's winning stable Franco Minat: Seleined after Cumogh Loeed Rob last May and lenderly handled when a lengths 4th of 4t to Kentuchy Bust on retirm at Donocaster (7) hour, good to soft. Wet regarded and open to improvement. Bitly McCovr. Promising efforts in useful company before landing Epsom 6! maiden in August. On a reasonable mark, and Failion booking looks significant.

In adjust. On a reasonation man, and name sound prove significant claimed after beating Reppertine by a neck at Arr last July and relatively unexposed From a yard with a good record or early-season handcaps have Gauntiet. Confirmed last year's level of performance when 10 lengths 2nd to Nout at

unexposed. From a yard with a good record in early-season handcalos have Garanter Confirmed last year's feel of performance when 10 lengths 2nd to Noul at Doncares (7) maden, good to 50hij and with need something better now Colonel Mustanti: Chance at weights on impressive Lingfield 71 maden win over Mouton in July. Past ground here should suit and one to consider with yard in form Blue Start: Workerhampton of all-weather winner in December, but unproven on burt. Occasionally slow stanter and hard in brings to the Dohoush here last June. Given quiet time afferwards and open to considerable improvement if temperament aflows. Cashmit: Faived to progress after good 2nd to Miss Rimes at Kempton (it heap, good to firm) in August from 2th higher. Market should indicate whether he is back to best Route Sixty Star. Held her form fact fern, winding up with narrow win over Clastonbury at Brighton (71 heap, good to soft, from 5th lover More exposed than most Bodfart Quarry: Proved har effectiveness off this sort of mark when 3 lengths 3rd to Rev to Okay at Doncaster in Nov (71 heap soft for Lingth Rameden, Possibletes Tomoe Gazen: Thed in fated class after promising debut 2nd to Black Amber over 6there Handcarp debut after minimum bree runs and could be thrown in Sentiandro: Ohe Thirsh win from 11 provide starts. Fair third to Sudden Squal off this markin at Lingfield (71 heap soft) in Oct after slow start and cannot be discounted Retallistor: Chence at the weights on her comeback 2th lengths 3rd to Captain Miler at Leisester (71 cap, soft) from 16 lewer but this looks much buggles. Warwick (61 made good) in Oct, despite desiring problems inspenenced dere here VERDICT: FRANCO MINA did not quite live up to his reputation early list season,

WERDICT: FRANCO MINA did not quite live up to his reputation early last season, when he sturted tayounte to all thee starrs and taled to reappear after a Curright flop in May, but he showed he was still a lorde with a highly promising comeback at Doncaster There is clearly better to come and he tooks the one to be on from a lempting mark. Tomoo Gozen is the most interessing of this male, from a handicapping point of view, and there are also possibilities phoul Black SRk and the lightly-raced stablemales Calcutta and Bodfari Quarrie.

4.15 STETCHWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) C4

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3	RAIN RAIN GO AWAY (USA) (167) (Maktourn Al Maktourn) E Dunlop 9 0 . K F.
	ROYAL ARTIST (lony Hirschield) W House, 90
4	SARTORIAL (165) (Mrs Greta Sartaty Marchant) P Makin 90 D Hot.
26	SUSAN'S PRIDE (10) Mrs Susan Roy) S Meetign 90 W J O'Co
8	WATERFRONT (200) (R.E. Sangster & Mr. A.K. Colles) P Chapple-Hyum 90 J For
6	AMBER BROWN (17) (Ars P A Brown) N Nory 89 GDut
8-	DALAALINA (185) (Neb) Mourad) J Gooden 8 9

– 11 deslared – BETTING: 4-1 Rain Rain Go Away, 9-2 Creggy Mountein, 5-1 Waterfront, 13-2 Lionhearted, 7-1 Herole Bluc, 8-1 Istinto), Santorial, 16-1 others 1998, Coribbean Monarch 3 9 0 W R Swinburn M-1 (Sk M Stoute) drawn (fil) 16 ran

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Craggy Mountain: Cadeaux Genereux coll out of 1991 Daks winner Jet Slu Lady Heroic Blue: Known Fact con out of a Roberto mare Istins): Nureyev cot out of a Riverman mare and half-brother to useful 2yo winner Asturah. Dam a sprinter Lonhasriad: Fan green (slowly away) on debut on Rowley course (6) good to soft) in October when 9th of 15 to Playtin (Sartoral 4th) Big improvement expected this time

with Detton taking over Rain Rain Go Away: One-paced 3rd of 10 to Ballet Master on only outing last season at Yarmouth (71 soft) in Octobor. Stable have made a good start, but this is likely to be

at Yarmouth (71 soft) in Occober. Stable have made a good start, but the is likely to be an above average malder. Royal Artist: Royal Academy gelding out of a General Acsembly mare. Sentential: Promesing 4th to Flavian on debut on Rowley course (6) good to soft in October with Lonhearted 9th. A late April foet, has stamina on his damb side. Susan's Pride: Found Warreck on the sharp side when 2nd there on her debut (6), good to soft) with Amber Brown 6.11 lengths back in 6th. Looked but of her depth when 6th of 7 in a state event (5), soft) at Haydock nest pine. Waterfront: Led tor 5 when 7th of 9 here 7th good to firm) on only outing last season in July. Spins bred, so drop back in trip should suf.
Amber Brownt: Messed break and was always outpaced when 6th of 10 (Susanis Pride 4th) to Present Laughter at Warwick (5), good to soft) last month. Most unlikely to malke any show hore.

as much as the amounts. What happens away from the track is often more significant than what happens on the raceccurse, which is unfortu-

those people in the know. "Anybody can happen to back the right horse, but you have to be a fairly shrewd operator with access to information to view ante-post betting as a

For the rest of us, this is where the wait for value to turn into profit can be like waiting for Godot. Clare's advice to the mass of punters is to "take 8-1 after a trial rather than 25-1"

For David Hood: "The more successful punters ante-post are the more informed punters.

Datagums: Promising 6th of 16 to Zippergate on Rowley course (6t, good to soft) in Oc-tobec Sister to smart 2yo Hoh Magic. Stable has hit form with five winners in the last formight, bul jockey booking suggests she is their second string VERDICT: There are some well bred newcorners here, particularly Craggy Mountain, whose darn won the Irish Cales. Expenence usually counts, however, and LIONHEARTED shaped well enough on his only outing last season to suggest that he is more than capable of winning a race or two in his second season.

4.45 BOADICEA STAKES (CLASS C) £9,000 added 3YO 7f

	Penalty Value £5,647
01-	ETTRICK (158) (D) (Lord Hartington) A Stewart 8 1 L Dettori
52214-	SPORTING LAD (USA) (172) (D) (M Arbb) P Cole 9 1 T Quiro
51-	BAHAMIAN BANDIT (217) (Lucayan Stud) R Hamon 8 ft K Fallon
54-	WORLD ALERT (196) (R E Sangster & A Collins) P Chapple-Hyem 8 17
	INTIMAA (199) (Harndan Al Maktourn) P Walwyn 8 10
	SHAROURA (17) (Solaman Alexany) K Mahdi 8 10
37-	ROUGE ETOILE (175) (Astare & Partners (Holdings) Ltd) A Mohae 8 8 Dane O'Neill
	-7 declared -

BETTING: 11-4 Intimes, 3-1 Bahamien Bandit, 4-1 Ethick, 5-1 Sporting Led, World Alert, 18-1 Sharoura 20-1 Rouge Easile 1998: Dasring Derek, 3-9 1 K Fallon 1-2 lev (D Loder(FR)) cirawn (3) 3 ran

FORM GUIDE Ethricic Won 20-runner maiden at Doncaster (7t, soft) in November. Had to be pushed out after going clear inside the final furlong; books to have scope to do well as a 3yo Sporting Lad: Fairly easy task when winning Chester maden (7t, good) in August and far effort in better company when 4th to Brancaster at Newbury (7t, heavy). Bahamlan Bandit: Lingfield (8t, good to soft) auction winner in Septamber after showing provises on debut here (8t, good to firm). Stable have not hit form yet and have gone nearly 8 weeks without a winner.

meanly 6 weeks without a winner World Alent: Showed ability in 2 maidens last season and drops back in trip after fin-shing 4th to Timahs on Rowley course (tim. good) in September Will find easier opporturities instinate: Yarmouth (6t. firm) maiden winner (dead-heated) on debut in August, fair form after that including when 2nd to Subtha Ascot (7t. good) in September, Should stay tarther, but stable have made a quiet start.

Sharbura: Confirmed promise of debut 2nd at Warwick (7t. good to firm) last season whon winning maiden at Doncaster (6t, good to sort) last month. Much more to do here

when winning mader at Doncaster (6), good to soft) lest moret. Much more to do have Rouge Etoile: Ran well (3rd) from bad draw on debut at Lingfield (6), soft) in October and then made all to win at Folkerone (6), good to soft). Tackles tast ground for the first time and improvement needed. VERDICT: Both ETTRICK's 2 outings last season were on soft ground and he stepped up considerably on his first outing when winning a 20-runner maden at Donicaster in November, He looks a nice prospect and should go close here provided he can act on

5.20 MUSEUM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 26,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,500

1m 2f Penalty Value £4,500 2c. Assops (LSA) (224) Shieh Mchammed) J Gooden 9 0. ... L Dettort 5 30 Direct DEAL (8) (Mehrburn Al Makhoum) E Cuntop 9 0. ... Pat Eddary 3 ENTIKAA Haundan Al Makhoum) Sr M Stoute 9 0. ... R Hills 10 30 GROSMENR FLYER (175) R E Sangsten) F Chappie-Hyam 3 0. .. R Hills 10 KNOCKHOLT (Crawley Racing) S Woods 9 0. .. G Dudfield 12 30 MRIJAN (H H Aga Khari L Curram 9 0 30 MRIJAN (H H Aga Khari L Curram 9 0 31 MRIJAN (H H Aga Khari L Curram 9 0 32 MRIJAN (H R E Sangster 8 Mr A K Codins) P Orespie-Hyam 9 0. .. G Hind 13 35 STORM HILL (R E Sangster 8 Mr A K Codins) P Orespie-Hyam 9 0. .. J Fortaine 11 SUN MAT (Buckerm Cost Moldings) H Cecil 9 0. .. W Riyam 15 TABARAK (Harrad A-HArcan) K Mahdi 9 0 ... W Riyam 15 4 WILLIAMSHAMESPEARE (165) (W J Gredley) B Hills 9 0 ... M Halle 5 ZINCALO (USA) (C E Britain) C Britain 9 0 ... M Halle 5 ZINCALO (USA) (C E Britain) C Britain 9 0 ... R Price 9 RNSIERS (Marin Moore) N Calagnan 8 9 ... K Fallon 4 R Hughes 2 IG: 3-1 Easy To Love, 5-1 Assops, 5-1 Mirjan, Storm Hill, 7-1 Ertikes 10-1 Se Leases 2 IG: 3-1 Easy To Love, 5-1 Assops, 5-1 Mirjan, Storm Hill, 7-1 Ertikes 10-1 Se Leases 2 IG: 3-1 Easy To Love, 5-1 Assops, 5-1 Mirjan, Storm Hill, 7-1 Ertikes 10-1 Se Leases 2

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SETTING: 3-1 Easy To Love, 5-1 Assops, 6-1 Mirjan, Storm Hill, 7-1 Entities, 10-1 Sir Legend, Williamshafteepeare, 12-1 others
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Direct Deal: Promising 3rd on only start last season at Leicester (7t soft) in October, but disappointing effort on reappearance at Kempton last week when 12th of 13 to Oaks critry Empte. Entered in Derby, so must be worth another chance. Entered in Derby, so must be worth another chance. Entered in Derby, so must be worth another chance. Entered in Derby, so must be worth another chance. Entered in Derby, so must be worth another chance. Sader's Wats cort out of a Law Society mare. Cost 340,000 gns as a yearing and stables first among the season. Groswanter Flyen: May have taled to handle soft ground when virtually pulled up at Folkestone (7t) next time. Stable have still to hit form. Knockholt: Be My Chief gelding out of a Shareel Dancer mere. Mired Currency: Dropped out final 21 when 7th of 13 to Turaath on reappearance at Doncaster (10t) good to soft last month. Sir Legend: B Gran Senor coll out of a Darstraan mare. Storm Hill: Caerleon colt out of a Cornaught mare. Jodkey booking suggests he is the stables second string and he is entered in the Derby. Sun Hat: Warning colf out of a Northern Dancer mare. Jodkey booking suggests he is the stables second string. Tabarnist Nashwan colt out of an Auction Ring mare. Stable have made a good start to the season and he is entered in the 1000 Guneas and the Derby. Williamshakespeare: Promising debut when 6th to Lightning Arrow on Rowley course looks sure to develop mit a useful middle distance performer and entered in the Derby. Easy To Lower Dess filly out of a Law Society mare. Stable have an excellent record in this event.

in mis event Nisblas in The Wings filly out of a Nishapour mare. Stable have not had a winner for VERDICT: Henry Cecils record in this event of five witners in the last 11 years is note-worthy. So the chances are that EASY TO LOVE is something out of the ordinary even though she is not engaged in either the 1000 Guineas or the Oaks.

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Halifax avert strike threat

THE HALIFAX directors and players have met to clear the air after strife at the club over reduced match payments.

The players boycotted a sponsor's function after their victory over Salford at The Shay last week and there have been suggestions that they were prepared to go on strike over the cut in winning pay.

Halifax finished third last season, but have lost three of their five games so far this year - the latest defeat coming at Gateshead on Saturday, with the team spirit that sustained them in 1998 conspicuous by its absence.

*The question of winning pay has been one small factor in our poor start," said the club's chief executive, Nigel Wood. "All our players are on better contracts but, in order to stay within our £1million salary cap, we have had to reduce win

Wood said that he was confi-

NEWMARKET

2.05: An Oaks entry and Henry

Cecil's four wins in this race

are persuasive arguments in

overface his team and a Kemp-

ton comeback win suggests that

HILL MAGIC made abnormal

improvement during his lay-off.

3.10: Circle Of Gold, a tricky

ride, looks worth opposing with her stable not really firing yet.

and HAWRIXAH could surprise in a race that has produced its

share of upsets in the last few

years. John Dunlop continues in

fine form and this filly should be

suited by the strongly-run race

3.40: CALCUTTA improved

with racing last term and with

only three outings under his season.

she will get here.

favour of RAMRUMA.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

derstood the club's position, "It was probably a meeting we should have had earlier, but everyone is now clear that the board has done everything it can. club."

Halifax hope to have Chris Chester and Kelvin Skerrett back for Friday night's game against Wigan, when they aim to have their ground capacity increased to 10,000. Wigan will be without their latest injury victims, Paul Johnson and Simon Haughton, but Greg Florimo could return.

The Leeds threequarter Marvin Golden is still hoping to play at Wembley, despite the badly-injured ankle he suffered in Sunday's defeat at Sheffield. The full extent of the damage is still not known.

Meanwhile, Leeds' Silk Cut dent that the players now un- Challenge Cup final oppo-

nents, the London Broncos are to appeal to the Rugby League for special clearance to play the Australian prop, Anthony Seibold, at Wembley. Seibold was signed from Canberra after the Cup deadline, but the injury-hit Broncos bone that the League will There is no disharmony at the make a special exception to what many believe is an outdated rule.

> Doncaster have sacked their coach, Colin Maskill, after their poor start to the season. Carl Sanderson and John Hurst have taken over. The draw for the Millennium

World Cup is to be made at the

Savoy Hotel in London on 25

May: Wales, who will compete in the World Cup as a separate entity, have appointed the Leeds trainer, Edgar Curtis. and the Warrington assistant coach, Paul Cullen, to Clive Griffiiths' coaching team for their internationals at the end of this season,



Agassi beats Becker to title

ANDRE AGASSI beat Boris Becker 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the Hong Kong Open final yesterday to BY DERRICK WHYTE win his first ATP tournament of the year.

When rain halted play on third seeded Agassi was a service break up and leading 2-0 in the decisive third set. He needed just 36 minutes to complete his victory:

"I'm really pleased," said Agassi, who entered the tournameot on a wild card. "We hoth played really well today. The thing about Boris is that you can't let your guard down at any time."

His victory brought to an end a turbulent week, during which he and his actress-wife Brooke Shields ended their two-year marriage with a mutual divorce

It was the first time Agassi and Becker had met in four years since their four-set struggle in the semi-finals of the 1995 US Open when Agassi won 3-1. The German, who said he will retire from professional tennis later this year, was attempting thing I had." Becker said. to win the 50th title of his career.

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Agassi broke Becker in the fifth game and then beld his Sunday night in Hong Kong the subsequent serve to take a 5-1 lead, but the three-times Wimbledon champion refused to give up. Becker held his serve in the seventh game and broke Agassi, serving for the match, at 0-40 in the eighth to trail 5-3 and conjure up the possibility

of a sensational comeback. Becker saved two championship points in the ninth before holding his service by relying on his 10th and 11th aces of the

With his old rival showing signs of a recovery. Agassi dug deep in the 10th game. He sped to a 40-30 lead but Becker grimly hung on taking the game to deuce. The 32-year-old German saved one more championship point, but Agassi converted his fourth match point to win his first Asian title.

"He beat me today. I didn't lose the match. I gave every-Results, Digest, page 25

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HYPERION'S

TV TIPS

2.35: David Elsworth does not belt is relatively unexposed. His trainer. Barry Hills, frequently

has a big say in three-year-old handicaps at this fixture.

4.15: Barry Hills's newcomer Craggy Mountain has an eyecatching pedigree as he is hy Cadeaux Genereux out of 1991 Oaks winner Jet Ski Lady. Lionhearted shaped well on his debut when ninth to Flavian on the Rowley course here in October, but still finished five and a half lengths behind SARTORI-AL, who was also making his debut. A late April foal, he is a half-brother to 1993 Cesare-

witch winner Aahsaylad and

looks set for a successful second

Kenny tops weights

YOUNG KENNY, the favourite, will have to carry top weight in Saturday's Scottish Grand National at Ayr. A 25lb rise in the BY IAN DAVIES weights leaves nine in the said yesterday: "He is a big horse and will carry the weight.

But it is a lot of weight and it is a long way to carry it." Bob Buckler expects his dual recent Towcester winner, up at Ayr, which be needs. Scot-

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handicap proper. Peter Beau- always the plan." Buckler bas mont, Young Kenny's trainer, yet to find a replacement for Scotby's regular rider, Brendan Powell, who rides Young Kenny. He said: "We will use one of the top boys. I don't think we will

struggle to find someone." Powell himself said: "I'm Scotby, to run well. He said: looking forward to riding "The ground is going to be soft Young Kenny again. The ground is heavy and that will be by is very very well and this was in his favour."

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GOING: Good to Soft |Soft in places).

STALLS: Straight course; stands' side, Round course outside DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for St & 6t

Right-hand, undulating course.

Gourse is 6m Will from oit A20 Westenhanger station (service from London, Charing Cross) adjoins course ADMISSION; Cato & Tattersalls (10; Prone Park C4 per car plus §4 per occupant. Accompanied under-169 lee; CAR PARK: Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon 15-124 (12116), J Dunlop 12-47 (255%) W Mulr 9-46 (196%), G L Moore 9-85 (106%)

LEADING JOCKEYS: T Outon 21-134 (13116), Dane O'Neith 19-125 (1324), S Sanders 17-144 (11816), Paul Eddery 16-94 (11716).

FAVOURITES: 190-481 (23116).

FAVOURITES: 199-481 (331%).
TONGUE STRAP: Samiyah (145). King's Oragoon 12 45),
Polar Mist (320), Tukano (425), Winged Greybird (425),
Pacaera (456).
LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS, Soaked (320) seni 273 mies
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Polar Mist (320)

'PRIVY COUNCILLOR' MAIDEN STAKES

1.45 PRIVY COUNCILLOR MAN AND PRIVY COUNCILLOR | BALLSTAR M | Wescien 4 9 10 | F Norton 8 2 2 234-5 FULL SPATE (15) JM Brackey 4 9 10 | S Drowns 1 3 03504- CELESTIAL BAY (RE) (183) E Wheeler 4 9 5 | S Carson (5) 4 4 500- PUSSY GALORIE (173) D Deworth 4 9 5 | A Daly (3) 3 5 WARS (RE) J Banks 4 9 5 | S Sonders 5 6 0-0 BREATTLE (173) M Dismond 3 8 10 | A Marckey 9 7 0-0 GREEN GOD (RE) (19) M Heaton-Ek; 3 6 10 | A Clark 7 0 0 CEAN PRINCE (FIF) (19) W Macson 3 8 5 | Cunits (7) 10 | S SAMMAH (RE) (13) W Mac 13 8 10 | March 10-Ways 8 | Cunits (7) 10 | S SAMMAH (RE) (13) W Mac 15 8 10 | G Darter 2 | D declared - BETTING: 3-1 Samyart, 9-2 Pussy Galore, 5-1 Full Spate, Wars, 8-1 Ocean Prance, 10-1 Celestid Boy, Embettie, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

On the admittedly limited evidence available, this is a very weak maden. Well-bred newcomer Wars should be monitored closely in the market – she really wouldn't have to be that good at all to with first time out. Tentative preference, though, is for PUSSY GALORE, who has hinted at ability in much stronger markets companies.

2.15 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS G) £2,500 added 6f

14 05400- NEWLANDS CORNER (133) (D) J Alekurst 6 9 4P Cleary 4 B 5 03000- DELCIANA (RE) (197) 6 Margaston 4 9 2 A Boech 2 15 2342-0 WHATTA MADAM (13) GL Moore 3 9 2 D Young 10

BETTING: 9-2 Dryad, 6-1 White Magle, 0-1 Tinker Osmacton, Delcama, 10-1 Polich Spirit, Beyond Calculation, 12-1 Miss Dangerous, Step On Degas, Loganica, Mysticism, Whatin Madem, 10-1 others

FORM VERDICT

A low draw is a big disadvantage here these days, with the far side very much becomed, which militates against Loganias and Newtonds Corner, who would have been interesting otherwise in a moderate contest. The pick of those drawing high on form is TINKER OSMASTON and although she has no creat record tresh, she will be suited by the concinons and this company is less competitive than she normally runs in

2.45 CHATHAM CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) \$2,750 added 3YO 51

1 30-000 GRECIAN TALE (IRE) (8) A Jarvs 8 0 D Sweeney 5
2 KING'S DRAGOON (IRE) M Charnon 8 3 A Misckay 10
3 WHITE WATERS (RIE) C Dwyre 8 n J Gosobed (7) 9
4 S2-5 EASTERN TRUMPETER (31) J M Bracky 8 9 K Darky 13
5 DID-62 LANDICAN LAKE (13) (D) G L Moon 8 7 R Brisland (7) 6 8
6 500 APPLES AND PEARS (322 M Komplus 86 S Drowne 2
7 -04032 GOCHINOS (7) S C Williams 85 S Carson (5) 1
8 00-004 GOLD CHANCE (IRE) (7) G Chung 65 Dean McKeown 11
9 404 MAZ TAW (20) J Jerkms 84 P Dec (3) 4
10 5-5360 WEETRAIN (IRE) (8) J Genen 8 1 P Norton 12
10 645-50 TRUE LOWS WAYS (5) W G M Turver 8 0 A Microtia (5) 3
3 4-0500 CREDENZA (12) R Spoor 7 (2 A Polif (3) 8
1-13 declared BETTING: 4-1 Landican Larre, 9-2 Apples And Pears, 5-1 King's Dragoon, 7-1 Grecian Tale, 10-1 Gold Charoce, 12-1 Eastern Trumpeter, Gochunos, Weetrals, Dolly Day Drawn, 14-1 others 30-000 GRECIAN TALE (IRE) (8) A Jarvis 8 O

FORM VERDICT

Newcomers King'a Dragoon and White Waters have pre-tensions to better on breeding. The market is Rively to prove the best guide to their prospects, but, in the hope that the early pace he showed to lead handicap rivals for a long way at the lest meeting enables him to overcome a modest draw, LANDICAN LANE could be the one to beat.

3.20 GILLINGHAM CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS E) £3,500 added 51

- 9 declared -BETTING, 7-4 Sooked, 4-1 Allmuttes, 5-1 Indian Blaze, 6-1 Polar Med, 7-1 Happy Days Again, 14-1 Days Of Grace, 16-1 Nopales, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT Ouestion marks against all of these for vancus reasons. The ground has to be a worry for smart Equatoric performer Sooked and with the lives of Potar Milet and Happy Days Again in the race there is no prospect of an easy lead. The drop to live furforigs is unitiely to suit Indian Blaze while Allmaites has become disappointing. However, conditions may suit COLD CLIMATE, who has not shown much recently, but did best on a soft surface test spring and had a poor draw on its reamentance.

PRIVY COUNCILLOR' MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (Div I)) £5,250 added 7f

FORM VERDICT

Quite an interesting marten, with several having shown purter decent form - it is certainly a much stronger tace than the first division DESERT DUKE is just about the form pick, though the presence of probable improver Mukasol does definitely dilute confidence somewhat.

4.25 GRAVESEND HANDICAP (CLASS E)

£3,500 added 1m 7f 92yds 0240D WESTERN CHIEF (IRE) (42) D Williams 5 100 ... O Griffitha 12 000-60 STAR MANAGER (43) P Spect 9 9 12 . S Carson (5) 15 2-2123 PADAUK (42) M Harnes 5 8 8 22723 PADAUK (421 M Haynes 5 88 F Norton 14 B 3662: PIRMATE FUTURE (IRE) (432) D Marks 5 88 R Parinter 2 0-3606 PHILOSOPHIC (J12) (CD) (BF) Mrs L Jewel 5 87 R Firench 1 an 000 CHILDREN'S CHOICE IT2l (CL) Packee 8 96 A Polit (2) 7 6°C0- WONTCOSTALOTBUT (J73) M Wikinson 5 88 S Whatworth 11 00-3 WINGED GREYBIRD (191) Mass A M N-Smith 5 84 J Lowe 4

- 16 declared -BETTING: 9-2 (Numinate, 11-2 Shrning Dancer, 6-1 Doc Ryan's, 13-2 Beauchamp Magic, 7-1 Durham, Padauk, 12-1 Hastale, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Few are guaranteed to handle the conditions. Padaulik will and looks a banker lot the trame, but is not one to place much confidence in and preference is for Hastate, who should improve for last week's pipe-opener, and WONT-COSTALOTBUT. The latter has nothing to recommend her on her Flat lorm, but is a reliable sort over hurdles

4.55 DARTFORD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added fillies & mares 1m 4f 4233 APRIL STOCK (157) Mrss G Kelleway 4 9 17 S Sanders 4

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60 DR INDUNA S Dow 3 5 4 PACAERA [GER] [180] J Durtop 3 6 4 620-9 QUICKSTEP | 10| R Harmon 3 64 J Cerroli 9 9: RAVENWOOD LADY (183) S C Williams 3 64 S Drowne 12 O ROSE BAY 11831 C Bretain 3 8 4 - 12 declared -

BETTING: 7-4 April Stock, 9-4 Paceara, 7-2 Oulcistap, 12-1 Induna 14-1 Tazkiya, 25-1 Double Identity, Dramatic Scenes, Rose Bay, 33-1 others FORM VERDICT

The four titles at the foot of the card have shown enough promise to ment respect but, with conditions likely to be quite testing it can pay to depend upon the proven stamma of the more experienced APRIL STOCK even mough she appreciates an even shifler test.

5.30 BILSINGTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3.500 added 1m 1l 149yds

9 2:40 NANED OAT (38) 6 Shrant 4 9 2 P Goode (5) 4
10 2:5405 BURNING (48) (D) N Utmoden 7 9 1 T G\(\delta\)CLaughtin 10
11 04:00 FAR-SO-LA (77) (C) Mrs. Lewel 4 5 9 K Darley 13
12 0060-0 YOUNG MAZAAD (13) (C) D \(\delta\) Foren 6 6 7 G Bardwell 8 8
13 04-35 LUCKY ME (IRE) (172) P Butter 4 5 5 P P Murphy (3) 12
14 24:50 FOXES TAIL LIB) R Hodges 5 9 4 S Drowne 7
15 60:00 CABCHARGE BLUE (123) (C) (D) T J Naugymon 7 8 4
15 A Maintender (123)

SETTING: 7-2 Zaha, 8-1 Fmail Tmail, 7-1 Naked Oat, 8-1 Far-So-La. 10-1 Paddy McGoon Young Mazand. Foxes Tall, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

If FOXES TAIL translates his sound hardles form to the Flat he would be something of a good thing nere. The one concern is that he hasn't been an easy lide in the past, but he was as good as gold at Fakenham last time and could be thrown in Zaha's Leccester form is working our well and he colds the man discharge.

EXETER

2.25 Walk On By 2.55 Some Go West 3.30 Ambleside 4.05 NORLANDIC (nap) 4.35 Swpreme Genotin (nb) 5.05 Blaze Of Oak 5.35 Hardly

GOING: Gold to Sch Right-hand undulating course Stiff test of stamma. Run-in of

■ Right-hand undulating course. Stiff lest of stamma. Run-in of 250 yards.
■ Course is 5m SN of Electer on A38. ADMISSION: Grandstand & Paddock Stit, Silver Ring 55. Accompanied under-riss free. CAR PARK: £2 on rais, remander free. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS.
■ LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 62-82 (237%), Miss H Knight 33-132 (25%), P Hobbs 33-142 (232%), R Frost 23-173 (133%), ■ LEADING JOCKEYS: R Dumwoody 35-110 (138%), A P McCoy 29-156 (144%), J Frost 20-136 (147%), ■ FAVOMRITES: 197-524 (37%); TO NGUE STRAP: Falcon Sale (2.25), Keep Ma In Mind (2.25), Fancy Nancy (4.05), Accountancy Lody (4.35), Treasure Chest (505).

1935), Garrison Friendly (4.05), Gallant Talty (4.05), Bella Wood (4.05),

2.25 RIVER BARLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE (E) £3,000 2m 1f 110yds

FORM VERDICT

A nightmare of a handicap in which plenty have a chance. With Rod Milman in good form Atlantic Mist could go well, while Mistray is Million is well readed on his Newbury run from last time and is another with solid claims. However, ADVANCE EAST has been running well of late, likes this course and will be suited by any give underfoot.

2.55 RIVER DART 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (E) (Div I) £3,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

Tr. POPP-2 PHINITIVE STAR (112) R Bucker 8 10 9 B Powell 9 56 ST MELLION WOOD (20) M Pipe 4 10 7 A P McCoy - 18 declared - BETTING: 9-2 Kentesh Bard, 5-1 Crookedstone, 0-1 Ghadames, 7-1 Giengale, Printitive Star, 8-1 Jackson's Hole, St Mellion Wood, 14-1 Some Go West, 10-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Not a strong nowice furtile on paper, but there are some interesting prispects here including Ghadames. Glengale and Some Go West. Kentish Bard commands respect on his Every huide form a year ago, but the vote goes to KEYNOTE in the hope that he can improve a little for this step up from two miles. If so he'll have every chance.

3.30 DIAMOND EDGE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) \$6,000 added 2m 31 (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 3f

FECTI NATIVE CHARM (31) C Morbot 7 TI TO ... JA McCarthy
2 P2-V2 LIKE WARM (46) (D) 16 and/sio 9 TI TO ... R Durnecody
5 5-22U AMBLESIDE (8) Mrs 5 V/Mem 8 V3 TI ... TJ Marphy
2 45754 MR PLAYFULL (20) (CD) R Pect 9 V3 ... J Prost
5 5-57 P CELTIC SASSON (53) Mrs H Mrght 7 T0 6 ... M A Regeral 6 4-445 MISTER ODDY (1011 J Mrs 15 10 2 ... L Cummins (3) 10 2 ... J Tazgard 8 190-2 F FAIR SOCIETY (53) (D) R Rose 8 T0 0 ... J Tazgard 8 190-2 F FAIR SOCIETY (53) (D) R Rose 8 T0 0 ... S Burnsugh C (27) PERSIAN TACTICS (10) T Needman 10 10 0 ... S Burnsugh - 10 declared - ... Mrs Persian Tactics 3st 9th BETTING: 7-2 Notive Charm. 4-1 Amblescies, 9-2 Lutin Warm, 5-1 Reach The Clouds, 9-1 Mr Perylul, 10-1 Celtic Season, Normanange, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Much will depend on CELTIC SEASON's fitness after puting up lame almost eight weeks ago, but if he's in the same sort of form as he was at Leicester in January, he'd take some beating. Ambiestida could be the biggest danger, with Termy Machy back on board for the first time since his Wincarron victory. Native Charm is respected, but this still course could just stretch her stamma.

4.05 WEATHERBYS TURF NEWS NOVICE H'CAP CHASE (E) £5,000 2m 7f 110yda

5 -233°C GALLANT TAFFY (10) AT Pop 7.71°C.
6 420-2°P STORMY SESSION (27) P Netrois 3.71 1 J Ticcard
7 14-39°3 NORMANIA (NC) (19) Miss 5 Schwerts 7.11 1 Mr N Fehilly (7)
9 04-00-3 LAUREN'S TREASURE (17) Mrs 5 Witcards 5 10 10 W Manston
10 4-200-3 NAMONI (70) Mrs C Johnsey 8 10 10 . R Thorration
11 4-200 THE CAMPDONIAN (5) O ONSE 6 10 10 . V Startiery
1 30055 P PLASURELAND (5,9) (0) C Popham 6 10 9 . . . B Fonton
10 3528°P LUCKERS TOWN (82) R Rose 7 10 8 . . . B Fonton
10 3528°P LURRIGG GLITTER (687) R J Smith 11 10 7 J Goldstein (3) B
4 P1240 PRIOC OF PENNICE (130) A Newcombe 8 10 6 1 J Marphy
15 LUZIPO BELLS WOOD (18) (0) A Durn 10 10 4 P Holley B
15 declared BETTING: 9-2 Nortandic, 6-1 Gallan Taffy, 13-2 Stormy Session, 15-2 Bafly
Litz, Garrison Friendly, 0-1 The Campdonian, Tuckers Town, 10-1 others

FORM VERDICT

A race lacking strength in depth and NORLANDIC has every chance of making his class tell. A game winner over course and distance, he jumped well on that chase debut and the form reads very well A repeat effort could be good enough for him to score again, even off this 13b higher mark. The blinkers make Garrison Friendly a plausible alternative, while Joy For Life and Stormy Session are others to consider,

4.35 TIMBER GROWERS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP HURDLE (D) £4,000 2m 7f

—13 debard.

Historium weight: 10st True landicap weights. Jentralcu 9st 12th, Daring Kingl 9st 11th, Lajadhai 7st 11th.

BETTING: 114-8 suprome Genotic, 9-2 Royal Piper, 11-2 Survise Spe-cial, 7-1 Lizzys First, 9-1 Dejman, 10-1 Accountancy Lady, 11-1 Snow Board, Walter's Destiny, 20-1 Jimbalou, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT There are question marks over the vast majority of these, so it is not a handicap that can be tackled with much confidence. There are stamon doubts over Sur

Sturries Special and Lizzys First, but SPRING MARATHON stays at day and it could pay to take the chance that he will be revitalised by the switch back to hurdes. Royal Piper and Snow Board are others stayers worth consid RACING CHANNEL NOVICE HANDICAP

5.05 RACING CHANNEL MOVICE 181101945 HURDLE (E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds HURDLE (E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds

220F30 LORD OF THE FLES (37) Mes H Kright 6 n 12. M Batchelor (3)

22022U WINDY VALLEY (124) (D) P Hobits 6 n 7 ... M Batchelor (3)

220F30 PERFECT PAIL (721) M Coombo 8 n 18 ... Miss M Coombo

6 50C BLAZE OF DAX (8) (D) (83 P Ecotes 6 n 5 ... Miss M Coombo

6 50C BLAZE OF DAX (8) (D) (83 P Ecotes 6 n 5 ... Miss M Poberts (7)

6 4543 FALCON RUDGE (10) (D) Mes E Livele 5 n 5 ... Miss V Roberts (7)

7 PPO THEASURE CHEST (28) M Pob 4 n 0 ... A P McCoy

8 40672 SANDORAN (10) M H6 6 10 9 ... A P McCoy

10 40575 TRYMYPLY (90) H Web 7 10 9 ... A Robert

10 40580 TRYMYPLY (90) H Web 7 10 9 ... F Kenfry (7)

2 40038 MARSH MARGOLD (7) G Flemo 5 10 5 ... X Aboput (3)

17 FULIAGE SELENT GINS (N2) (10) (CD) G Edwards 10 10 5 J Power (7)

18 40049 CASHABAN (10) J S Smith 6 10 4 ... R Widger (5)

19 POOS MY LOST LOVE (8) A Heingsworth 4 10 0 Mr C R Webser (7)

10 CPP ROBERTO RNA (85) I Wilkems 6 10 0 ... S Burrough

18 declared -

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Akumum weight: 10st True handcap weights. My Lost Love 9st 13th. Roberto Reva 9st 11th, Saucy Dancer 9st 9th.
BETTING: 2-1 Jailb, 8-1 Blaze 0f Oak, 0-1 Falcon Ridge, Sandoran, 10-1 Daring News, Treasure Chest, Windy Valloy, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT Oute an interesting race, with several warranting close scrutiny. Jatb will be popular off line same mark as for his test time out with, but his is a before contested race and a bit more will be needed if he is to win again. Treasure Chest is interesping, notwithstanding his poor record to date over hurdles, but preference is for TRACEYTOWN, who is very fairly weighted on her reappearance fifth at Hereford. If a subsequent flop at Wincanton is overlooked. (2m6) trip very possibly too far), she has solid credentials here.

5.35 RIVER DART 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (E)
(DIV II) £3,000 added 2m 31 110yda

- 10 outputs - 10 outputs - 11-2 Star Mystery, 10-1 Rose Minster, 12-1 Run Wild, 14-1 Sunit Boy, 20-1 Here's Hoping, Mannekers Pls. Winter Lord, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

HAROLY and Kellys Conquest really do stand out on form here and though there are several possible improvers, they will have to come on markedly to figure against these two. Hardly has a slight edge on form and though this longer trip does mean that he has to prove his stamma, he is narrow-ty preferred.

RACING RESULTS

WINGSOR Going: Good To Firm

2. Anster K Fallon 7-1 3. Commonwood M Fenton 25-1 Also ran: 8-1 Mass Milermum, 8-1 Paddvwack, 6-1 Tinsel Whistle (61h), 9-1 Bondi Bay (5th), 14-1 Carole Choice, 14-1 Magic Babe, 14-1 Samarardo, 16-1 Sally-Ann, 16-Shauban, 16-1 Shep Up (4th), 20-1 Good Evans Above, 20-1 Lea Valley Express, 35-1 Cohan, 25-1 Pertemps Star. 17 ram, 5, 1%, ltd, 1%, ltk (8 R Milman, Cultompton), Tote: wm £480; places £140, C310, P350, DF: £17.70, CSF £2476 Non Current Activities.

Also: 5-2 My Annetie (5th), 11-2 Naughty Crown (6th), 9-1 Rada's Daughter 10-1 Mega, 12-1 Vila Wanda, 14-1 Mabrookah 14-1 Red May (4th), 20-1 Moonki Wate: 20 1 Rosa Canna, 33-1 Altidavit, 33-1 Swan Lake, 33-1 Tyrolean Love 15 ran, hg 3 21, nd 17 k3 Gosden New market) Total wim C320 places 1130 C350, \$750 DF \$1690

3.45. (6), handscap, 3yol 1. DONE ANO OUSTEOA Polir 9-1 2. Kingstree ... L Detton 9-1 3. Boyolena J Fortune 10-1 4. Milady Lillie Martin Dwycr 25-1

Also: 7-2 tay Bayoner 9-1 Top Star. 10-1 Kuwan Thunder 10-1 Le Paola, 14-1 Compton Akia 14-1 Sweet As A Nut 16-1 Audrela 16-1 Carchinebarch (6th, 16-1 Nero Tirol, 20-1 Addition, 20-1 Elms Schoolight 25-1 Achilles Star (5th), 25-1 Tifa. 13-1 Bridgend Blue 33-1 Giastonousy 33-1 Hingtisners Bonnet, 33-1 Lord Stroller 33-1 Pisces Lad. 23 ran. 2, 2, 1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 8 Bridherton Pershore) Tote: win Stingen, places 52-26. shore: Tote: war \$1090, places \$240 \$240,\$300 \$470 DF \$5110 CSF \$7914 Tricast \$71693 NR Lively Lady

J. 15 (Vm 3) 135yds. (Mes handicar) 1. OELLUA _______ J Fowle 8-1 2. Mono Lady _____ A Mackey 14-1 3. Star of The Course ____ A Nicholis 4-1 Also 11-4 las Tallulan Belle (6th) 6-1 Pipa #15 2 Prantom Waters #15), [2-1 Shala femine 12-1 Tabusco #4 ; Mill Alinque 25-1 Lotta 25-1 Marreya 25-1 Mos Vita (5th 12-ran, 1-3-7-3 no. () Hills Lambourn; Toter win (14-20 places (390-6300 frao EF 56460 CSF \$10650 4. Great Melody......Dean McKeown 25-1 Also: 7-2 tay Teofilio (5th) 6-1 The Stager 15-2 Worth The Effort, 8-1 Junikay, Mawkata To Altanaal 12 Shill Waters, 16 Mytrons Ma-rake, Warring, 20 Famous (6th), 25 Macs Dream Mark Time, 33 Melasus, Young Butt. 18 ran, sh-hd 11, sh-hd 211, nk-if Wheel-ert Toler (1250 E280 E220 E360 E1250 DF 16630 CSF 69774 Tricast 5106889

Also: 6-: Imposing 10-: Pever Carr Cony.
1-1 Approachable. Antie Dane (Sin).
Swinging The Blues. 16-1 Incesta. Regal
Academy 20-1 Absolute Majority Durham
Figer 25-1 Alsose foe (sin) Polish Legon.
33-1 Cell de Reve Lady Jo 50-1 Fuegan.

Gorng, Good to Firm 2.00: 1. HARDEN GLEN (B Storey) 5-1: 2. 5.15 film 67yds, handcap; I, FLOATING CHARGE "R Cochrane 4-1

CSF: C3054. 2.30; 1. CHEVALIER ERRANT (B Powell) 2-5 fav; 2. Tell Monty 8-1; 3. Lumbeck Lady 16-1 15 ran. 11, 6. (J Adam). Tote: CLAO; C130, C180, C610 DF, C560. CSF: C480, NRs: Slazing County, Leith Sands, Nature Red Ark. 3.00: 1. FLORUCEVA (Mr T Devideon) 5-4 fav: 2. Eastlands HI-Light 7-1: 3. Snapper 11-1 13 ran. 15 nk. (B McNicho) Tota: 92:70 91:20, 91:90, 91:70 DF, 93:40, CSF: 910:22

Innovate 33-1: 3. Kings Lane 6-1 12 ran. 5-2 fav Koby Bank 15, 10 (Mrs J Storey) Tote: C5-20; C180, C880, C190, OF: C165-30.

18 ran. %, sh-hd, 3, 1%, % (J Fanshawe, Newmarkell Tote: \$470, \$180, \$120, \$590, \$590, DF \$800, CSF: \$1033

Jackpot: not won, pool of £24,486,70 car-

KELSO

ried forward to Newmarkel today. Placepot: £4,252.50. Quadpot: £182.90.

4.00: 1. INGLETO NIAN (B Storey) 7-2: 2. Mr Knihwit 20-1, 3. Briter's Delight 15-2 9 ran. 7-4 fav Fils de Cresson (6th), 4, sh-hd. (B Mactaggart). Tote: £450; £200, £330, £190 DF: £4870. CSF: £5775. Tincast: \$465.87. Non Runners: Battery Fired, Last 4.30: 1. GALLANTS DELIGHT (Mr A Plob-son) 4-1; 2. Coole Abbey 2-5 fav; 3. Min-

ors Melody 9-1 7 ran. 8, 30, (R Johnston) Tote: £590: £140, £10 DF: £2.20 CSF £5.05 MR: Strathmore Lodge.

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County Championship: Traditions are set to fall by the wayside as teams contest for a place in the new élite

Ups and downs of quick-fix age

YOU HAVE to hand it to the Eng- BY JON CULLEY land and Wales Cricket Board. The name revealed at last yes-County Championsbip could not have been more symbolic had it been planned all along. PPP Healthcare, suppliers of medical insurance, take Britannic Assurance's place. Given the poorly state of the national summer game, it is an entirely appropriate choice.

The Championship, in fact, is already in its death throes, at least in its traditional format. From next season it will be contested in two divisions of nine teams each, which is why the campaign that begins today promises (for other reasons) not only to be more confusing even than last year's but to be fought in an unprecedented climate of fear.

The change - the latest in a seriea meant somebow to improve the fortunes of the England team - is designed to produce a greater number of meaningful matches and by consequence, the theory goes. give the domestic game a better chance of turning out Test

match-ready players. What will terday as the new sponsor of the actually happen is that more and more counties, especially those dreading a future in the second tier, will produce "result" pitches, on which mediocre bowlers will still prosper and decent batsmen will still be denied proper practice. But you cannot. I suppose, blame the ECB for trying.

The Board is, after all, in an unenviable position. Whatever anyone says, the Championship is still cricket's bedrock. It is the

County Championship: The 18 counties will all play each other once in the final season of the competition in its existing format. The top nine teams will go into the First Division while the bottom nine make up the Second. There are now just 12 points for a win rather than 16 while points for a draw are increased from three to four. New sponsors. PPP Healthcare, were announced yesterday.

NatiWest Trophy: There will be 60 teams taking part this season, with the first-class counfies exempt until the third round. Teams from all 38 regional county boards and Den-

regional county boards and Den-mark, Netherlands, Scotland and

true test of all teams and there- burns on seats, and is therefore fore the test of players, too. As a builder of character it should never be underestimated. Abroad, it remains a competition held in the highest regard. irrespective of England's failings on the international stage. Indeed, there are few international players of any standing. past or present, who have not played Championship cricket and gained hugely from it.

ish the opportunity. The trouble is that it has no audience, at least in terms of

Benson & Hedges Super Cup: The top eight teams from last season's Championship are taking part in this new SO-over knockout

cup, with the final at Lord's on 1 August.

Those who have not would rel-

parallel existence of one-day knockabouts and the miracles performed by commercial offices does it survive. Yet without it there would be no game. It needs and deserves sup-

port. No one who watched

unsustainable on its own. Only

through ECB handouts (drawn

from the declining proceeds of

the international games, the

James Whitaker, a captain confined by injury to the wrong side of the fence. run on to the field at The Oval last September. overcome with joy as his Leicestershire team clinched the title, could doubt what it means to the players. If only the media at large could tune in to that and claw back a little of football's space and air-time theo perhaps more sponsors would see its worth, too.

treland are taking part with matches of \$0 overs per side, rather than the traditional 60. It starts earlier than usual, on 4 May, and the final is on 29 August. CGU National League: This two-division competition replaces the Sunday League and matches will be 45 overs a side. Three go up, three go down, there are free hits for no-balls, nicknames for the sides, numbers on shirts and 20 floodlit matches.

Benson & Hedges Super Cup: That said, the public will never come back in droves. In a quick-fix society there is no appetite for games that stretch beyond a day, no matter how cerebral. Hence a coming fixture list tof extraordinary messiness) that even with one limited-overs competition taken

of the game boiled down to 25 overs a side to appeal to even sborter concentration spans. But the Championship will

two months, robbing counties of top players. The consequences for 2000 will make it an intriguing contest, even when it dawns on counties that the split to two divisions need not be the nightmare they imagine. With three still be the pinnacle, even of each nine going up or down each season, most counties will

provided player movement is controlled - that is, with no Bosman-style challenge to throw it all into the air - playing in a second tier need not be critically disadvantageous. Something, however, must be done about pitches.

Among the contenders

preliminaries will impinge for have a taste of each section and expect to see Leicestershire (again), Warwickshire and Lancashire prominent, with Sussex and Glamorgan the liveliest outsiders. Above all, brace yourself for the long-awaited beating of chests in Yorkshire. winners last in 1968, whose momentum must surely get them there sooner or later



Lancashire take the field at Fenner's in the traditional season-opener against Cambridge University Keith Dobney

DERBYSHIRE

1998: BACC 10th: AXA 15th: B&H Cantain: Dominic Cork Coach: Colin Wells Overseas player: Michael Slater (Aus) Beneficiary: None

Much will have to be done by

those who remain to compensate for the goings-on of clded that they could do without the services of Kim Barnett. That was tantamount to chucking away 1,000 runs, a vital contribution if Dominic Cork is to lead his crew into the top half of the Championship table. The acquisition of prolific Australian batsman Michael Slater should go a long way to making up for that – In the short and long games but it would have been far more reas-suring to have had the pair of them on the same side. More will be needed from Robin Weston, who showed he has what it takes to compile match-winning innings, and If Adrian Rollins can remain free of injury he should be good for a few runs. The seam bowling looks strong, Kevin Dean and Trevor Smith can shake the batsmen, providing ideal back-up for Phillip DeFreitas and Cork. who can rattle the stumps. It is to be hoped that Cork can pick up where he left off last season with bat and ball, although it is to his leadership and motivational qualities that

In: Slater (New South Wales), Michael Deane, Anthony Woolley, Stephen Tirchard (Lanes). Out: Kim Barnett (Gloucs). Andy Hayhurst [rel].

DURHAM

HOW THE GAME HAS CHANGED

1998: BACC 14th; AXA 17th; B&H quarter-final; NatWest 2nd round. Captain: David Boon Overseas player: Boon (Taşmanla) Beneficiary: John Morris

Things are stirring at long last in the Championship's youngest county. Native North-easterners are beginning to come through, in-cluding the England Under-19 captain, Michael Gough, who looks perfectly capable of shouldering the mantle of opener despite his youth. David Boon will get runs, so too should Paul Collingwood. If he is not too distracted by the demands of his benefit season. John Morris could well add to the two Championship hundreds he scored towards the end of the season, it is Boon's last seafinish in the top half of the table; not such a far-fetched notion given the attack they possess. The spearhead, John Wood collected 61 Championship wickets last summer, and was ably backed up by Melvyn

another A tourist. In: Muazam Alı (MCC Young Professionals), Nick Hatch. son (Yorkshire Academy), Steve Chapma Out: James Boiling [retired], Stephen Lugsden (Hants), Colin Campbell, David Cox, Stewart Hutton, Mark Sagers, Jason Searle, Alan Walker [all released], Mike Roseberry [Middw].

Betts – it is to be hoped he has recovered from the groin injury which cut short his England A tour – and Stephen Harmison.

ESSEX

1998: BACC 18th; AXA 3rd: B&H Winners; NatWest 2nd round. Captain: Nasser Hussain oach: Keith Fletcher Overseas player: Stuart Law (Aus) Beneficiary: Nasser Hussaln

The belated World Cup call-up of Nasser Hussain leaves the vice-captain, Ronnle Irani, to shoulder a fair old burden at have Stuart Law in a batting line-up that is crying out for runs from Paul Prichard, who last summer had an uncharacteristically lean time of it and it was probably no coincidence that Essex finished bottom of the Championship for only the second time in their history. Irani could be a busy man, since his all-round skills will be in demand. He will also be able to call upon the likes of Mark flott, Danny Law, Graham Napier, Jamie Grove and Ashley Cowan to provide the core of the attack. But runs are what is needed. No one reached 1,000 runs in the Championship last year for the first drie since 1912. Prichard surely cannot have as bad a season again, but he needs ian Flanagan and Stephen Peters to fulfil their potential. So too should Tim Hodgson, while Robert Rollins and Barry Hyam need to add the batting dimension to their wickerkeeping. They should compete well in the one-day stuff, but the Cham pionship has to remain a priority. In: William Jefferson [Norfolk]. James Fosrer. Out: Neil Williams, Andrew Hibbert, Darren Cousins, Darrey Wilson Jali releasedi.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Out: Tony Cortey (Sussex). Gary Butcher (Surrey).

GLAMORGAN

away, mixes a National League.

a Benson and Hedges Super

Cup and a NatWest Trophy and

might in future include a version

though the World Cup and its

1998: BACC 13th; AXA 10th; B&H zonal rounds: NatWest 2nd round Captain: Matthew Maynard Coach: Duncan Fletcher Overseas player: Jacques Kallis (SA) Beneficiary: None

There is every chance that the tury will see Glamorgan pushing for honours in the Championship. For a start, Duncan Fletcher Is back to direct coaching operations. The Zimbabwear master-minded their Championship-winning summer of '97. And again, England, it seems, are only interested in Robert Croft. leaving a core of seam bowlers and stroke-makers to do a lot better than they managed last year. When their overseas player Jacques Kallis Joins them after the World Cup he may wonder why he is there. That captain Matthew Maynard falled to pass 1,000 runs in a season for only the second time in 13 summers can have been but a temporary glitch. Opener Steve lames is the most prolific scorer around and in all firstclass cricket he notched up 1,500 runs for the second successive season. Michael Powell, Wayne Law and Adrian Dale should be able to build on their form and Alun Evans and Adrian Shaw are bets for their malder Championship hundreds. The attack will be led by Darren Thomas and Steve Watkin In: Kailis (Western Province), Keirti Newell (Susses), Mark Wallace.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

1998: BACC 4th; AXA 6th; B&H zonal rounds; NatWest 2nd round. Coach: John Bracewell Overseas player: lan Harvey (Australia) Beneficiary: Alleyne

There is a buzz of antidipation in the wake of the departure of Courtney Walsh. The Victorian batsman lan Harvey has arrived on the heels of his rep-utadon as a big hitrer - he is

fifty, an Innings of 26 balls. But it is the Championship which matters. Walsh's 106 wickets went a long way to lifting the county to fourth place. They will need even bigger contributions from Mike Smith and Jonathan Lewis, who managed 145 between them last year. Jeremy Snape will bolster a spin department, where previously Martyn Ball was the sole occupant. The batting, when it fired, did well, but there were still eight bonus-points blanks, albeit some due to the weather. Captain Alleyne was one of three to pass 1,000 runs in the Championship, along with Tim Hancock and Matt Windows. The arrival of Kim Barnett should go a long way to guaranteeing runs. but Bobby Dawson, Robert Cunliffe and Dominic Hewson need to show more appli-cation. It is hard to see the county finishing out of the top six, but without Walsh they will have to work to better last summer. In: Harvey (Victoria), Kim Barnett (Derbys), Jeremy Snape (Northants), Mark Hardinges, Out: Courtney Walsh (released), Yony Wright (retired).

1998: BACC 6th: AXA 8th; B&H zonal Captain: Robin Smith Coach: Makolm Marshal rseas player: Nixon McLean (WI) Beneficiary: Kevan James

The attack went a long way to turning them into a top-six side. Pity about the batting. No one reached four figures In the Championship, although

the vastly improved Giles
White did get his 1,000 for the summer
and looked good value for his four firstclass hundreds. John Stephenson began to
emerge from the shadows and was looking more like his old self, captain Smith was not the reliable run-maker he has been in the past, but wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes, Dimitri Mascarenhas, Kevan James and, to-a lesser-extent, Shaun Udal, all produced key innings at critical moments and a lot more runs than might have been expected at the start of the season. All that is needed now is for everyone to go that much fur ther and provide more batting points and bigger targets for the opposition to chase, then a top-three place would not be out of the quesdon. The bowling, in contrast, was all effort. Nixon McLean was fantastic value for his 60-odd wickets, while Alex Morris grew in confidence and was a model of consistency. Mascarenhas moved a step nearer becoming a genuine all-rounder, in: Stephen Lugsden (Durham). Outs Raj Maru Iretired). Cardigan Cornor Iretired from first class, but retained for one-day matches).

KENT

1998: BACC 11th; AXA Sth; B&H quarter final; NatWest 2nd round. Captain: Matthew Fleming Coach: John Wright Overseas player: Andrew Symonds (Aus) Beneficiary: Trevor Ward

It will need more than a change in captaincy to turn around their fortunes. Fleming, having taken over from Steve Marsh, will have his · 25_000 • work cut out on and off the pitch. Fleming has never tapped the deep well of talent that is his. Now he has to coerce and encourage the talented squad around him as well. They will be helped by the arrival of Andrew Symonds from Australia - the replacement for Carl Hooper. Symonds' big-hitting exploits should draw the crowds and even Win matches. Ed Smith. Robert Key and Matthew Walker fell well below what they are capable of last year, while Alan Wells and Trevor Ward failed to score a hundred. All of them need to provide the attack with runs to bowl at. Mark Ealham (World Cup) and almost certainly Dean Headley (Tests), means Ben Phillips, Martin McCague, a fit-again Min Patel and Fleming have much to do Should finish in the top half of the table. One-day trophies will not be beyond

In: Symonds (Queensland), Matthew Banes, Mark Broadhurst, Richard Clinron (Surrey), Darren Scott. Out: Carl Hooper (resigned). Alan Igglesden (Berkshire), Graham Cowdrey (retired). Ed Stanford, Jason de la Pena (both released).

1998: BACC 2nd: AXA Champions; B&H quarter-final; NatWest Winners Captain: John Crawley Coach: Day Whatmore Overseas: Muttiah Muralitharan (S Lanka) Beneficiary: Warren Hegg

LANCASHIRE

Arguably they have the best balanced attack in the country, now boosted by the sign-ing of Srl Lankan off-spinner Muttah Muralitharan and If he can escape the controversy that has surrounded his action, then we could be in for a treat. He misses a chunk at the start though, as does Neil Fairbrother, Andrew Flintoff and Ian Austin, because of the World Cup, but there is plenty of firepower in reserve, including four other spinners. The pace department contains high-quality operators in Peter Martin, Glenn Chapple, Flintoff and Austin, as well as Richard Green and Darren Shadford, Unquestionably they are the one-day kings. But they are equally well-equipped for the Championship. The batting, even given the anxiety over Michael Atherton's back problem, is also sound. New captain Crawley was in good form last summer, scoring twice as many runs as the next highest, Graham Lloyd. Nathan Wood fell a little behind expectations, but he, Flintoff and Mark Chilton are improving. Warren Hegg's el-evation to Test wicketkeeper was a reflection

1998: BACC Champions: AXA 4th; B&H runners-up; NatWest semi-final. Captain: James Whitaker Overseas player: Mike Kasprowicz (Aus) Beneficiary: David Millns

> It is hard to see them not retaining the title. Few sides could match their all-round abilities. They have made an astute signing in Queensiander Mike Kasprowicz, Even without Alan Mullally and Vince Wells for the duration of the World Cup, there is plenty left to construct a solid foundation for their defence. Captain Whitaker is back and in good nick after a pre-season tour to Sri Lanka. He can expect runs from Ben Smith, Aftab Habib, lain Sutcliffe, Darren Maddy – the list seems endless – Chris Lewis, Paul Nixon, Wells, of course, and even David Millns has three first-class hundreds to his name. As awesome as the batting appears, the bowling lacks little. Slow left-armer Matthew Brimson was seventh in the Championship averages with a remarkable 26.12. Kasprowicz should be good for 50 or 60 wickets at least jand he can bat a bit as well). They are also one of the betrer fielding sides and are going to take some beating. The heavy Benson and Hedges Cup final defeat was a temporary blip. This side is Capable of winning the lot.
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> In: Kasprowicz (Gueensland). Scott Boswell Northanis), Amer Whan (Susser), Alil Sachdeva, Ashley Winght, Srephen Kirby, Ouren Sievens.
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> Out: Phil Simmons (released)

MIDDLESEX 1998: BACC 17th; AXA 12th; B&H

quarter-final; NatWest quarter-final Captain: Mark Ramprakash Coach: Mike Gatting Overseas player: Justin Langer (Aus) Beneficiary: Phil Tufnell

There was madness in the methodology. And it did not work, so it is back to the good old ways. John Buchanan has returned to Australia with his video camera. library of tapes and data bank of every ball bowled by or against Middlesex. Into his shoes (to allround relief) steps Mike Gatting. Whether he can restore their fortunes depends on much. The batting will have to muster more than the three sets of maximum batting points they managed last summer. Mike Roseberry is back after a few, it has to be said, unsuccessful years with Durham. He is tikely to beef up the opening partner-ship, although he needs to rediscover the sort of form which saw him contribure to sort of form which saw him contribute to the Middlesex cause when they won the title in 1990 and 1993. Justin Langer will be back as well. The bowling looks thin. Angus Fraser can expect to be away for at least half the season on infernational duty, therefore Richard Johnson, Tim Bloomfield, Jamie Hewitt and Phil Tufnell will need to stay Injury-free. They will still need significant support from lan Blanchett. Chris Batt and Paul Weekes.

In: Mike Roseberry (Durham), David Alleyne (local club), Out: Mike Gaitting, Kelih Brown (both retired), Umer Rashid (Susser).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 1998: BACC 15th; AXA 13th; B&H zonal rounds; NatWest first round. Captain: Matthew Hayden

Coach: Bob Carter seas player: Hayden (Australia) Beneficiary: Kevin Curran

Another county with an overseas player as captain and Matthew Hayden looks a Useful signing. There is cer-rainly enough young talent to provide for the future. Two of the most exciring prospects are England Under-19 off-spinning all-rounder Graeme Swann and international colleague Richard Logan, also an all-rounder. And when he returns from World Cup duty with Scotland big things are expected of fast bowler John Blain. There is also off-spinner Jason Brown and, of course, England fast bowler Devon Malcolm and his strike partner Paul Taylor as well as slow left-armer Michael Davies. The batting was the problem. Again not enough first-innings effort from the upper and middle order to acquire the all-important bonus points. Hayden should not be a worry, not if his form is anything like it was when he doing his stuff for Hampshire two years ago. But he cannot do it all, and unfair as it may seem, more will be required of Mal Loye, Tony Penberthy, David Ripley and David Sales. In: Hayden (Ouenstand). Marin Dobson, Jef Cook, Dale Iniff, Mark Powell
Out: Scort Boswell (Lecs). Jeremy Snape (Glos). Richard Montgomerie (Susses). David Capel (retired). John Emburey, Michel Dobson, Franklyn Rose, Tim Walton Jail released).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

1998: BACC 16th; AXA 11th; B&H zonal rounds; NatWest quarter-final. Captain: Jason Gallian Coach/manager: Clive Rice
Overseas player: Vasbert Drakes (WI)
Beneficiary: Mike Newell

They scatter rice for luck at weddings. But the tossing of Clive Rice into the role of director of cricket is not guaranteed to have a similar effect at Trent Bridge. Rice led the county to success in the 1980s; now they will be happy if he can just get them into the top half of the Championship. Last sum-mer too much reliance was placed upon the elders. Paul Johnson and Tim Robinson. Graeme Archer, Usman Afzaal and Gallian passed the 500-mark in the Championship, out to regain the top flight they need to reach four figures. Chris Read looks capable of becoming a serious wicketkeeper-bats-man all-rounder. Noel, Gle, Matthew Dowman and Guy Welton still have It all to do. The bowling burden will be borne by Vasbert Drakes, the former West Indies Test bowler. He can rely on valuable support from Paul Franks Chris Tolley, and Kevin Evans, but Alex Wharf and Mark Bowen also provide competition for places to the attack. They will need to because Andy Oram misses the first couple of months with a stress frac-

Im: Orakes (Barbados), Richard Stemp (Yorks), David Lucas, Srephen Randall, Matthew Whiley, Out: Poul Pollard (Worts), James Hindson, Paul Strang (both released),

SOMERSET

1998: BACC 9th; AXA 14th; B&H zonal rounds: NatWest second round. Captain: Jamie Cox Coach: Dermot Reeve Overseas player: Cox (Australia) Beneficiary: Andy Caddlck

Jamie Cox has been handed a tall order. Lead the side from the front - he will open the innings – in your first season in England. So the Tasmanian has to adapt immediately to Hemisphere, while motivating the side. At least there were signs last summer that the likes of Mark Lathwell and Marcus Trescoth-Ick were emerging from the rut into which they had slipped for so long. If Peter Bowler, free of the captaincy, is also clear of his back injury and can score the big innings of which he is perfectly capable, that should go a long way to setting up the rest of the batting order. There is not a lot wrong with the attack. Andy Caddick's 10S Championship wickets may not have made much of an Impression on the England selectors, but his victims know that he is able to repeat the feat. If he gets the support which promised and if Graham Rose, who did the all-tounder's double of S00 runs and S0 wickets for the second season running, fires again, then much is possible. in: Cox (Tasmania). Paul Jarvis (Sussex)

Out: Mushraq Ahmed (rel), Richard Harden (Yorks), Simon Ecclestone (ret), Gregor Kenns (rel), Kenn Shine

SURREY

Mark Butcher captains the side

until Adam Hollioake's return

1998: BACC 5th: AXA 18th; B&H Semi-final: NatWest quarter-final Captain: Adam Hollioake Coach: Keith Medlycott Overseas player: Undecided Beneficiary: Darren Bicknell

of his all-round qualities. A side hard to beat

with or without their international stars.

from World Cup duty, which also involves Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart. They can expect to lose Stewart, Thorpe, Butcher and almost certainly Alex Tudor for the Tests. It leaves the onus on the rest of the squad to repeat the magnificent efforts of last summer, to keep the Championship pot boiling and get them out of the National League's Second Division. At least opener Darren Bicknell returns after a back injury cost him all of last season. He and Alistair Brown are safe bets to reach 1,000 runs, Whoever Surrey bring in as overseas player – Stu-art MacGill or Saqlain Mushtaq – he will make an impact, but so will Rupesh Amin. The slow left-armer has spent the winter under the tutelage of the former india Test player Bishen Bedl. Alex Tudor gets better with bat and even quicker with ball, Martin Bicknell will be good for wickers at next to nothing. It ds Ben Hollioake to start firing again, lan Salisbury to rediscover his confidence and for Jason Ratcliffe, Nadeem Shahid and Ian

Ward to do their stuff and they could be push-In: Carl Greenidge, Gary Butcher (Glam), Kevin Bar-rect, Ian Bishop (both Devon), Gareth Batty. Out: Richard Clinton (Kent).

SUSSEX 1998: BACC 7th: AXA 16th; B&H zonal:

Captain: Chris Adams Coach: Peter Moores Overseas player: Michael di Venuto (Aus) Beneficiary: Neil Lenham Chris Adams adds a hard

edge with his leadership and

a refined blunt instrument with his bat. Michael di Venuto replaces Michael Bevan and much Is expected of the Tas-manian. Robin Marrin-Jenkins has graduated from Durham and is ready to begin full-time cricket education. He showed enough talent with bat and ball to suggest that he is a serious all-round prospect. The acquisition of Tony Cottey is another bonus. His experience and ability will be vital in both forms of the game. He and dl Venuto, along with another canny imporr. Richard Mont-gomerie, should beef up the batting and if Toby Peirce. Rajesh Rao and Wasim Khan carry on the good work, runs should be in plentiful supply. Wicketkeeper Shaun Humphries needs a few more runs and perhaps a few more victims. The attack needs Jason Lewry and James Kirtley to stay in-jury free, they can then count on Martin-Jenkins and Mark Robinson for some zippy back-up, if it all goes to plan, they could again figure in the upper echelons.

Cottey (Glam), Bas Zuidereni (Netherlands), Richard Montgomerie [Northants)

Oate Richard Davis [ret], Poul Jarvis (Somersei), Neil Taylor [ret], Amer Khan [Leics), Mark Newell [ret], Keith Newell [Glam]

WARWICKSHIRE

rounds: NatWest quarter-final. Captain: Neil Smith Director of Cricket: Phil Neale Overseas player: Allan Donald (SA) Beneficiary: Donald

They have promised to not

overbowl him but when Al-

lan Donald returns from World Cup duty he will certainly add a ruthless, cutting edge to the attack. Not that Ed Giddins. Dougle Brown, Tim Munton and Graeme Welch did not do a good job last summer, they only missed out on maximum bowling points on three occasions, a staggering record. But Donald adds another dimension - fear. That should allow the rest of the attack some easy pickings as batsmen rush lemming-like to the other end. Ashley Giles and the new captain. Neil Smith. can be counted on for at least 50 wickets with their spin. Brown, of course, has another string and the batting could do with even more than the 650-odd runs he compiled. Nick Knight was one of only two (the other was Brian Lara) to pass 1,000 runs In the Championship, although Smith did get close. There are high hopes of Michael Powell, Mark Wagh and David Hemp as well as Trevor Penney. Dominic Ostler misses the Start with a chipped ankle but, if he recovers his form, it will add depth to the batting. Int Donald [Free State], Charlie Dagnall [Cumbria]. Alan Richardson (Staffordshire).

Out: Brian Lara (rel). Andy Moles [rel]. Soren West-

1998: BACC 8th; AXA 2nd; B&H zonal

expected loss of Tom Moody to Australia's World Cup cause as well as Graeme Hick's to England for the same reason is a double blow to ambition and perhaps even morale, but there is a feeling that when one of the team comes good they all will. Like many lowly placed counties it was flabby batting and a lack of first-innings application which hit them hard. Four times they failed to score even one batting bonus point, which meant that the attack was the only consistent source of points as they notched up maximums in 12 of their 17 games. Even accounting for the weather this was not the stuff of which champions are made. But the personnel and talent is there. Even without their two heaviest run-scorers the county srill boasts a further eight batsmen who have scored first-class centuries. Now they have added Paul Pollard from Nottinghamshire. The stand-in captain Steven Rhodes will need Vikram Solanki to show whar a fine talent he is and for Philip Wewhat a nine calcill rie is and for Philip We-ston to turn his SOs into hundreds, then the attack will have something to work with, an Abdul Hafeez. Paul Pollard (Norts), Kabir Afi, Kaceer Ali, Jason de la Pena (Kent), Lan Bell, Chris Liptrot.

Out: Scott Ellis (rel).

WORCESTERSHIRE

1998: BACC 12th; AXA 7th; B&H zonal rounds; NatWest first round Captain: Tom Moody (Aus) Coach: Bill Athey Overseas player: Moody Beneficiary: Graeme Hick

There is no doubt that the un-

YORKSHIRE

1998: BACC 3rd: AXA 9th; B&H semi-final: NatWest 2nd round. Captain: David Byas Coach: Martyn Moxon Overseas player: Greg Blewett (Aus) Beneficiary: None Even without Darren Gough

and Gavin Hamilton, on World Cup duty for England and Scotland respectively. they are equipped to mount a serious challenge. Greg

Blewett is no bad replacement for Darren Lehmann. Matthew Wood missed out on his Championship 1,000 by nine runs as he finished the summer with a spectacular flourish, hitting two unbeaten centuries, one a double hundred, while Michael Vaughan, who got his 1,000, also captained the unbeaten England A team. The signing of Richard Harden adds stability to the middle order. Richard Dawson heads a clutch of promising youngsters from the Academy. The injury to Paul Hutchison and Gough's expected England duties may weaken the attack, but if Matthew Hoggard gets going early on and Chris Silver-wood is fit, then the likes of Craig White, James Middlebrook and Ryan Sidebottom Can sfill complete a very serviceable attack.

In: Blewett | South Australia|. Richard Harden (Somerser). Chris Ellison | Comwalli. John Inglis, Richard Williams, Richard Dawson, Gareth Clough, Simon Widdup, Gary Fellows, James Middlebrook, Simon Guy | Academy graduates|.

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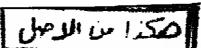
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Renaissance clubs ready for leap forward

PETER REID and Kevin Keegan competition now. But as Sunderland and Fulham put the champagne on ice for possible celebrations tonight - when the first promotion and relegation issues could be resolved - the pair with the steely competitive streak and hair to match are vying for a place in the record

Since the Football League adopted three points for a win in 1981, only York, amassing 101 points in 1983-84, and Swindon, who went one better in 1985-86, have compiled a century. Beginning at relegation-threatened Bury this evening, Reid's Sunderland side need 11 points from five First Division fixtures to establish a new landmark.

Even then, the record may never tangled in Merseyside end up beside the Thames derbies, were only briefly man-rather than the Wear. Fulham agerial rivals in the North-east receive Gillingham - conand are not, strictly speaking, in tenders to follow the London club up from the Second Division - requiring the comparatively small matter of 13 points from seven games to overtake Swindon.

But records, like Keegan's England duties, can wait, First priority for both clubs is to confirm promotion - and they can do it tonight. A Sunderland success at Gigg Lane would put Ipswich. In the event of thirdplaced Bradford failing to win at Port Vale in another bottom-versus-top collision, a draw would

Fulham will be uncatchable should they overcome Gillingham or if Preston, fading in third Sunderland, revitalised by moving to a new stadium, and Fulham, thriving on an influx of new money, could clinch promotion tonight. By Phil Shaw

Reid and Keegan, who each endured bitter anticlimax in the play-offs last May, the night promises a moment to savour before planning for life at a higher level.

Therein bes the ruh. To some clubs, promotion is an end in itself: Barnsley's elevation to the Premiership, followed the next spring by demotion, offers a classic example. Sunderland them beyond the reach of all but and Fulham, though separated by a chasm in the size of their respective followings. are twinned by the extent to which they have sent expectations

In Sunderland's case the catalyst has treen a change of home, from Roker Park to the spot, do not win at Wigan. For Stadium of Light, which will

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surely house 40,000 and more at every Premiership match. The grey area concerns Sunderland's ability to survive longer than one season (which they failed to do after two previous promotions in the 1990s). and to match neighbouring Newcustic by maintaining their momentum among the elite.

To do that, Reid may not only have to be ruthless in dispensing with some who have served achieved in 1955; if they were to make "three or four top-class signings". While Reid already bas a Danish midfielder. Carsten Fredgaard, arriving for £1.8m in July, he will have to lay out several times that amount to attract the personnel who will enable them to

ence as well as his nationality.

Kevin Phillips has scored 53

goals in two seasons, despite

losing three months to injury,

unprecedented sums in the For all their need of proven transfer market. After Sunder-Premiership performers, Sunland's last First Division title, in derland are better equipped 1996, he spent sparingly with than when they last finished as predictable consequences. champions. Thomas Sorensen Lee Clark, one of several has kept 27 of their 28 clean sheets and shares Peter Schmeichel's agility and pres-

shrewd recruits in the interim and a member of the Newcastle side Keegan brought up in 1993. argues that Sunderland "could easily challeoge for a top 10 place" (which they last

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and can hardly fail to improve overdue renaissance has, of upon the four goals that made course, come from the cheque-Paul Stewart and Craig Russell joint top scorers in 1996-97.

If Sunderland are kept waiting tonight, they have another onportunity at Barnsley on Friday. Wheoever it happens, their outstanding home fixtures, against Sheffield United and Birmingham, are certain to be played in a carnival atmos-

Craven Cottage, as cosy and scenic as the Stadium of Light is brash and modern, has staged few enough parties down the decades. Gillingham's urgent need for points will ensure a fierce contest, yet with three more home games to come, Fulham and the faithful (now reputedly including Pope John Paul II and Michael Jackson1 can afford to be patient.

The impetus for their long-

book of Mohamed Al Faved. Evebrows were raised when Chris Coleman became the first 12m player in the history of the English game's third grade, but the restlessness that characterises Keegan and the Harrod's owner suggests that Fulham are in for a summer of unsentimental squadpruning and even greater

Early in his reign, the "chief operating officer" was informed by a fan that million-pound players were not welcome. Tonight, when the attendance should approach the 20,000 mark Keegan sought as proof that Fulham could generate passion, dissenters will be like the paying customers were before he and Al Fayed came together: few and far between.

Yellow card count could cost Everton

EVERTON ARE facing a record BY ALAN NIXON fine of more than £100,000 from the Football Association as for his second booking in Sunthey pay for their sins after day's Premiership game. clocking up a century of bookings. Walter Smith's team will face the authorities at the end of the season to explain a record of indiscipline that amounts to eight red cards and 100 vellows.

Everton are in trouble as they have ignored warnings before this campaign's disciplinary transgressions, they of a fine that will now be acti-

The FA told Everton they had to address the problem last summer, when they were given a £50,000 suspended fine and told it would have to be paid unless there was a substantial improvement However Everton's behaviour has worsened.

Smith's two biggest offenders are Olivier Dacourt and Marco Materazzi, who both arrived this season and now too the league of shame. Dacourt's 14th booking means a second FA appearance, a four-game ban and a personal fine of around £25,000.

Materazzi - three reds, 10 yellows - is now facing a threegame ban that will take him out of the vital closing matches against Chelsea, West Ham and Southampton.

In Materazzi's case his past has also caught up with him. The red card carries a onegame penalty, but two more are added on for his dismal record. Everton are to appeal over his latest dismissal, because they felt no contact was made with

Everton's Nick Barmby and Scott Gemmill will miss the game at Chelsea on 1 May after collecting their fifth bookings, although most of Gemmill's were picked up with Nottingham Forest

The FA has given clubs the chance to resolve their own difabout their behaviour. Even ficulties, Arsenal were threatened with a £50,000 fine at the end of the 1996-97 season but were playing under the threat escaped punishment as their record improved. Middlesbrough have collected the heaviest penalty to date. A end of the 1995-96 campaign was activated when they re-offended the following season.

> Chris Sutton may bave kicked his last ball this season The Rovers striker has been told to rest a groin injury to avoid the need for a bernia operation and it seems unlikely he will be able to play any further part in the relegation battle. Sutton has been plagued by

problems this season hut the timing of this latest set-back is cruel for the Ewood Park manager, Brian Kidd. With the England Under-21 international Matt Jansen also recovering from a knee operation, it reduces his options drastically. Brighton and Hove Albico

yesterday confirmed the appointment of the former Fulham, Swansea and Brentford manager Micky Adams as their new manager. Adams, 37, becomes the Seagulls' seventh

He replaces Jeff Wood, who was sacked last Friday, and has signed a four-year contract.

Adams, who steered Fulham to promotion from the Third Division two seasons ago. moves from Nottingham Forest, where be was reserve-team manager. His first game in charge will be against Shrewsbury at Brighton's temporary Gillingham home tonight.

Crystal Palace yesterday suffered another setback with the news that their sponsor, TDK, will ends its contract with the club. TDK, the manufacturer of video and audio tapes, have backed the Eagles for six years, but will not be £25,000 suspended fine from the renewing the company's support at the end of this season.

The Loughborough official Peter Jones has been appointed the referee for the last FA Cup to deal struggling Blackburn's tween Newcastle United and survival hopes a severe blow. the winners of tomorrow's replay between Manchester United and Arsenal It will be the second major final that the 44year-old Jones has officiated in at the national stadium within the past 12 months. He was in charge of the 1998 Coca-Cola Cup final between Cheisea and Middlesbrough. The Manchester United full-

back Denis Irwin will miss tomorrow's replay after he suffered a leg injury in Sunday's 0-0 draw. Phil Neville performed admirably wheo he came on for the Irishman and is expected to keep his place. The United manager Alex Ferguson, admits be is contemplating other changes. "I could possibly make one or two changes," be said. "but Denis Coventry's Darren Huckerby manager in the past five years. is the only one who is injured."



Championship tie at Port Harcourt, Nigeria nn Sunday. Brazil meet Crnatia in the second round tomnrrow AP

Uefa has Balkan verdict on hold

UEFA, EUROPEAN football's ruling body, has refused to dismiss the possibilities of reallocating places in their major club competitions for next season because of the Balkans crisis.

League foothall in Yugoslavia has been suspended, and there are major problems playing club matches in Macedonia, Albania, Croatia and Bosnia. The problems led to the West Ham manager, Harry Redknapp, suggesting at the weekeod that other countries could be given extra places in the Uefa Cup if the Yugoslav war stops Balkan countries completing their fixtures.

That could mean countries such as England, France, Germany, Italy and Spain being given more qualification places. A Uefa spokesman said yesterday: "We don't want to speculate on the issue at the moment, all sorts of things could change, you can't tell what will happen."

Redknapp has a vested interest in the situation because, even if West Ham finish fifth this season they will not win a European spot. The same applies to Astoo Villa, who are fifth, one place ahead of the Hammers. Both clubs have applied to compete in the Intertoto Cun this summer.

Although Uefa is unwilling to discuss the problems, the draws for the Intertoto, Uefa Cup and Champions' League preliminary rounds take place in mid-summer and there is a possibility that the conflict in Yugoslavia could still be going on. Then a decision over the format of next season's European club competitions will have to be taken.

The former England midfielder Trevor Booking was vesterday appointed as chairman of the English Sports Council. Brooking, a CBE, bas been acting chairman since Sir Rodnev Walker left the council in July last year to become chairman of the UK Sports Council.

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Nations Cup may return to Windsor

EQUESTRIANISM AFTER NINE months of work

and an outlay in excess of £15,000, the Royal Windsor Horse Show should have overcome its perennial problems with underfoot conditions in the Castle Arena, writes Genevieve Mnrphy. The ground will have been scarified. mole-drained, reseeded with tougher grass and levelled by the time the 57th sbow begins its four-day run on 13 May. These efforts may well be rewarded with a return of the Nations Cup, which was held at Windsor in 1997 before going back to Hickstead for two years. Around 3,200 horses will be

competing in various classes, and the inclusion of an International Championship Team Trial will ensure the participation of all the leading British riders. This year the results of the first two trials (at Windsor and the Suffolk County Show in early June) will be used as qualification for Hickstead's Royal International Horse Show in July, where the third and final trial takes place. The top three on overall points will be included on the British squad for the European Championships to be held at Hick-

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(B Taylor) 19-10; Bridgewater BCL (D Fowkes)
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Joe Bugner yesterday relinquished his World Boxing Federation heavy-weight title and claimed he would end his 32-year career by June If he

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FOOTBALL

Bury v Sunderland (7.45)

SPORTING DIGEST dime since 1991 in Saint John, Neva Brunswick, yesterday by beating the host country. Canada, in the final by six shots to three. The Scottish team, skippered by four-times European title winner Hammy McMillan, beat the favourites after an extra end. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada): Floats: Ment Scotland 6 Canada 5 Bronze play-off: Switzerland BUSA 3 Women: Section 8USA 5, Bronze play-off: Denmark 6 Honour 7

FOOTBALL John Rudge, sacked as Port Vale manager in January after 15 years in charge, has been asked to take

over at Leek Town until the end of the season. The Conference club sacked Ernie Moss on Saturday after a 4-1 home defeat by Hayes left them with only three points from the last 13 matches.

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Gwyndaf Evans, the Welsh driver, will compete in Sorith America for the first time when he and his co-driver. Howard Davies contest the 1999 Rally of Argentina from 22 to 25 May. The rally, the seventh round of the 1959 FIA World Cham-pionship, will be based in Cordoba, 450 miles west of Buenos Aires, and Evans will face long gravel stages, high altitude and rocky terrain.

RUGBY UNION

Scott Murray has been named the 1998.9 Famous Grouse Scotland player of the season. The Bedford phy based on votes cast by the rugby media after international matches.

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OTHER SPORTS **BOWLS:** English Indoor Championship finals (or *Melton Mow*bray).

ráhinch v Dungarnon (7.0).

TODAY'S NUMBER

45,000 The number of marks (£16,000) Dietrich Hannemann, the former

chief of the state-run East German Sports Medicine Service, was fined yesterday in Berlin, after he was convicted of being an accessory to causing bodily harm in 109 cases of systematic doping of athletes. It is the highest

fine yet in a series of similar trials.

England's scant consolation

By DEREK PRINGLE in Sharjah

England 206 Pakistan 144 England win by 62 runs

IN AN age where one-day cricket has become mundane currency, there have been few more worthless games than the one played between England and Pakistan yesterday. With little more than injured pride to play for England, after three straight losses, recorded a rare win, which seems to be their wont when there is little riding on the result.

Entirely outplayed when it mattered, England can nevertheless return home safe in the knowledge that they did not equal their worst losing streak, a run of eight consecutive losses recorded over eight months in 1989-90.

That particular sequence spanned three continents. which may give some idea to how one-day internationals used to be rationed back then. Over the same period since August, England have played 18. Mind you, the other two sides in this competition, India and Pakistan, have prohably played each other more times than that in the past few months and the remaining two matches here, including Friday's final, will see two more added to the list.

Chasing 208 off 48 overs (two overs were docked by the match referee for bowling their quota too slowlyt. Pakistan never got themselves in the hunt and the final margin, for a low-scoring game, was a whopping 62 runs. They did not look too bothered about that and, apart from Salim Malik who ended unbeaten on 47, most of the top order did not tailor their shot selections to suit the conditions.

While Malik was still there, Alec Stewart's team could not gam**e a**gainst Pakist**a**n in the semi-finals of the Nehru Cup almost single-handedly, which Angus Fraser in particular still has cause to remember. Yesterday Fraser, off a new shortened run, was as mean as ever and his 10 overs gave him the

fine figures of 3 for 32. Fraser was not the only one to strike and just as a partnership between Malik and Moin Khan seemed to be developing potential, Moin was bowled by

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Graham Thorpe plays a sweep shot on the way to compiling the leading score of 62 in England's innings as they defeated Pakistan in Sharjah yesterday

done, Mark Ealham, who until this game had been fairly anonyhe complacent. He once won a mous, weighed in with three Stewart has scored 42 runs and. wickets in six balls. Providing plays in England's opening World Cup match against Sri Lanka - the contract row has still has to be cleared up - Ealham will be on a hat-trick.

For once Stewart won the toss, which gave his batsmen first use of a pitch now hosting its third game in six days. The advantage of batting first on a slowing pitch did not help Stewart himself though and again he departed cheaply, Ijaz Ahmed

Andrew Flintoff. Not to be out- clinging on to a catch at backward point as he drove at Shoaib Akhtar. In the four games here decisions, has not had a good

tournament. Not so his Surrey team-mate Graham Thorpe, who was again the mainstay of the batting with a 62 off 80 balls. In contrast to his skipper. Thorpe has scored 179 runs over the four matches with no visible illeffects to his back. In a rare departure from their usual trend the tail stayed with him, and the 63-run partnership he

Monday's Solution

made with Ealham for the seventh wicket was vital.

There is still much room for improvement though and one number of run-out opportunities it presents. Although only one resulted in a wicket here, the hesitation between players who by and large know each

other's foibles was alarming. Before the issue of contracts became over-riding, the main aim of this trip was to bond. Unless this win dramatically improves the mood in the camp, David Lloyd had better apply the

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Man) 7-141 (Washar Maram) 6-143 (Saqiah
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15 overs score: 66-3. Result: England won by 62 runs

Coaches target World success

RUGBY UNION BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

THE ENGLAND coach, Clive Woodward, yesterday thrust aside his disappointment at the defeat by Wales, which cost his side a Grand Slam, and looked ahead to the World Cup. England are in good shape, he said. "I believe we are right up there now with the top sides in the world. And I have no doubt that England will be at

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their peak for the World Cup." And be predicted the southern hemisphere sides would be in for a tough challenge. Everyone in the Five Nations has got faster, fitter and more powerful," Woodward said. "We have all moved forward. The southern hemisphere teams are in for a hell of a World Cup. There is no way they are com-

ing here for an easy ride." The only blight on Woodward's autumnal vision is England's discipline. "We won't win the big prize unless we be-come a disciplined team," he said. "At the moment we seem to fluctuate. Against Ireland we conceded 20 penalties, against France only nine or 10. against Wales we were back to 20. And to have conceded nine of those in our own half against a side with a goal-kicker of Neil Jenkins' stature was, for me, probably the most disappointing aspect of our entire Five Nations campaign. But I think it is impossible to coach a side not give away penalties. We just have to become more streetwise."

Graham Henry, who plotted England's downfall at the weekend, focused on the summer tour of Argentina that precedes the World Cup. "It will be a huge challenge;" he said. "Argentina have beaten the best in the world on home soil. It is a very good tour for us to have and a good rehearsal before the World Cup."

North of the border, Scotland were presented with the Five Nations Trophy at Murrayfield and their coach, Jim Telfer, who steps down after the World Cup, said: "This is certainly the best [Scotland] team I have coached. A lot of these players have their best years ahead of them." Five Nations verdict, page 20

THE TUESDAY CROSSWORD



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13 Cane article given coat of varnish, we hear, by Frenchman (7) 14 Fur it could suggest, of

course (%) 17 Worker who reduces Nautilus? (13) 21 Roofer catching Doctor of Divinity a

little fish (7) 22 With no romantic attachment at any time?

24 Made exploratory drilling having had lots of practice? (4-5) 25 Bit of opera going round the Northern halls (5)

One doesn't go off English fellow (4) 27 Man eats fish with holy characters where one can't be found? (5-4)

DOWN Arrange to join cold girl one empty Friday (8) Organise search round Ohio valley (5)

A quality worthy of notice? (14) Old see thus holds onto gold sherry (7) 5 Asian ox eating quiet

mother's veil 171 Extension of narrow gauge railway perhaps shows little growth? (9) Whatever you say this could be Fifth Avenue

Mild railwayman upset rulers (7,3,4) Peacekeeper's unhappy daughter was first to have finished with horse (9)

16 Ex-student misused a drug, taken in (8) 18 Swimmer gets "A" for his potential (7) 19 Playing the dud note pro-

duced a dull sound (7) 20 Was very hot having set out on Wednesday (6) 23 One's legless having lost head etc? (5)

Wray's departure is too late for Forest

FOOTBALL

BY JON CULLEY

NIGEL WRAY'S decision to step down as chairman of Nottingham Forest plc, announced on the stock market yesterday, will be seen as a victory by supporters who have made the entrepreneur the scapegoat for their club's plunge towards relegation from the Premiership.

But the resignation is unlikely to have any significant effect on the ailing former European champions, either in the short or long term.

Eric Barnes, the 66-year-old Nottingham husinessman who takes Wray's place both in the chair and on the plc hoard, hrings with him no substantial cash injection and makes no promise to reverse Forest's fortunes as they await the almost inevitable drop into the Nationwide League. Indeed, one of his first acts as chairman was to defend the record of his under-fire predecessor.

Wray whose personal fortune is said to be worth £100m, provided the financial clout behind the takeover of Forest two years ago, but has not endeared himself to supporters, rarely visiting the City Ground and prelerring to watch Saracens, the London rugby club in which he has invested £3m. It has been rumoured recently that he is keen to huv a stake in the First Division football club Watford,

Wray: Angered supporters their promotion as First Division champions last year. Based in London, he has been perceived as a remote, dispassionate figure with no interest in the football club other than its potential for stock market returns. Indeed, his reasons for stepping down - that the club would be better fronted by a chairman hased in Notting-

ham - recognised that view. Wray's refusal - along with other members of a pic board that includes the Monaco-domiciled former Tottenham chairman, Irving Scholar - to finance any major forays into the transfer market last summer led to Dutch international Pierre van Hooijdonk, the cluh's record signing, staging a one-man strike, insisting that Forest could not survive in the Premiership without substantial investment in the playing staff.

But Barnes, the deputy whose ground Saracens share. chairman of Great Universal Stores, said last night that Moreover, he is widely blamed for Forest's pitiful seacharges of under-investment son in the Premiership after against Forest did not stand up.

money has gone," he said, perhaps unintentionally echoing the chants of protesting Forest supporters during recent weeks. "I can tell you where £18m has gone since Nigel Wray became involved. Some £3.5m went to pay off bank loans. £1m on reorganising the cluh's infrastructure, £6m to soak up operating losses and a net spend of £7.6m in the transfer market."

The club's chief executive. Phil Soar, who was the driving force behind the takeover consortium which recruited Wray. added his support for the outgoing chairman, insisting Forest were in considerably better shape than before his arrival.

When we came in there was an up-front debt of £11.3m." he said. "Now we owe somewhere between £4-5m, including long-term debt, which is much more manageable. "Furthermore, we have es-

tablished a youth academy and study centre headed by Paul Hart, who was behind the development of the youth set-up now bearing such rich fruit for Leeds. Barnes, who has plans to re-

cruit two more Nottinghambased directors, is confident of a quick return to the top flight. "The aim is to regain and retain Premiership status," he said. "I'm hopeful that we can bounce back at the first attempt." Meanwhile. the likelihood of

Ron Atkinson continuing as manager - his contract runs to the end of this season - has yet to be formally discussed. Business, page 17



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William Hague is to be reinvented as an ordinary bloke by his new spin doctor Amanda Platell. Does he have what it takes to become one of the people? Do you? Test your man-in-the-street cred in our exclusive questionnaire

Places When you hear the word "Sbeffield", do you **Picture Question** You harbour a secret immediately think of: passion for the

a) Wednesday?

b) Your canteen of

hallmarked fisb cutlery?

Lib Dem, ie Sheffield

last election, possible

marginal for 2001?

As far as you know,

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of the body;

c) "Six seats, five Labour, one

Hallam, present incumbent

Richard Allan, 8271 majority

a) a Welsh rock band with a

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involving seizure, trance, loss

of consciousness and rigidity

c) an entirely familiar state

committee report on Euro

Meeting people (1)

called Patel. Do yon say:

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b) "Forty Marlboro Lights

and one of those throwaway

entrepreneurs who are

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lighters, please"?

Communications?"

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arrows at each other.

Someone has taken a

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reply:

in broken glass. The darts

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yours and says, "What you looking at?". Would you

a) "I've no idea. The label must have dropped off"? b) "Put your dukes up, you

steaming pile of ordure"?

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are introduced to someone

a) "I'm delighted to meet one

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number plates.

b) a form of schizophrenia



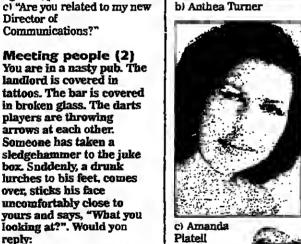
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ci "You're looking at a new kind of conservatism, a new face of conservatism, more responsive to what people actually feel, more alert to the very real needs of modern Britain, Does that

Television What is the biggest EastEnders crisis currently nnder discussion: a) Whether Melanie should have let ber flatmate lan snog her, when she obviously isn't That Kind of Girl? b) Why all the cast are leaving to pursue abortive singing careers? c) Whether a new mayor will hold executive, or merely advisory, powers over the infrastructural budgets in the more problematic, outlying wards of the metropolis?

If someone asks you. "What did you think of the Pollocks?", do you reply: a) "Is that what we had for lunch? I assumed it was cod..."?

b) "Stunning, apocalyptic, marvellous. His use of paint is, in a very real sense. beyond painting..."? c) "I'm sorry, I rarely listen to anything Kenneth Clarke says these days"?

How do regular guys order a pint of bitter in a pub: at "Pint of Abbot please. Straight glass"? bi "Come landlord, set me a stoup of your finest Theakston's Hand-Pulled answer your question?" Olde Farte, that I may quaff my fill"?

Food After an evening's drinking and discussing football, cars

and Eva Herzigova with your identity card. Oh all right, mates, you feel like a little just some Tizer then"? snack. Do you most fancy: aı a doner kebab? Leisure b) a dozen No 1 oysters at With which leisure pursuit Wheeler's of Duke St? is the word "rubber" c) a peanut butter sandwich? associated: Oh, and some custard at Bungee jumping? creams as well.

b) Bridge? el Eating chicken? Cars

ci "Can I have some beer

please? No I haven't got my

Which of the following statements is most representative

3) "I drive a Ford Mondeo because I am a regular kinda

conservative"? bi "I drive a Mitsubishi Shogun because I like to be at least a foot higher than anybody else on the road"? c) "I drive a Fiat because it helps me remember my wife's first name"?

guy, neither too flash nor too

Home What does the phrase

"Kitchen-table conservatism" mean to you? Is it: a) a forum, at once convivial and domestic, where important political issues can be debated at a grass-roots level in language that all can understand, without spin,

bias or party rhetoric? b) a sort of lower-class dinner party where people complain that the rubbish collectors in their street seem to be working rather

awkward hours? c) a place wher you tell your wife how you plan to stay in power for the rest of the week?

> **Vacations** You are due a holiday in bedroom wall? August. Will you plump for: a) two weeks in Ibiza, with lots of para-gliding.

jet-skiing, and dozens of tequila slammers on the beach? b) a month at Floors Castle, Scotland,

tramping the moors with the Duke and Duchess and one or two good beaters? er a motoring tour of 19thcentury electoral registers in the North Riding of

15-16

Yorkshire?

Books

You have retired to bed with a 48-hour virus and been ordered to do no work, though a little light comfort reading is allowed. Would you turn to: at What Ho, Jeeves by PG Wodehouse?

bi Fermat's Last Theorem by Simon Singh c) The Collected Works of Walter Bagehot (Vols 1-8) edited by NAF St John-Stevas?

Children Imagine yourself, in the fullness of time, baving

tbree children. Will you name them: a) James, Elizabeth and Max?

b) Beauregard, Ptolemy and c) Winston, Margaret and Enoch?

Londoners of all ages,

classes and colour to mingle

in the streets and share the

vibe in a wild, democratic

party atmosphere, derived

from the traditional "mas"

carnivals of the Caribbean.

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b) It's a shocking racket, it's

pissed low-lifes, and it forces

relocate to Madeira for three

c) An amusing occasion, but

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in the summer of 1985, with

music by the Squadronaires.

JOHN WALSH

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Oswestry Young

Public Events What is your opinion of the a) It's a chance for

Picture Question You are pushing 40. Which childhood pin-up decorated your





c) Margaret Thatcher

bi Sally James





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thinking, straight-dealing,

sussed and modern. Ever

Mostly b) You have some

way to go if you want to be

considered truly ordinary.

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neither of the major parties

Mostly c) Congratulations.

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politics?

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b) David Ginola

c) Sebastian Coe

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Why does Mr Meacher not apply the same test of bias to members of environmental organisations, many of whom have expressed uncompromising opposition to GM foods, as he does to biotechnologists? Is there not a danger that in his zeal to remove all taint of special pleading from

the biotechnology industry from Acre, the resulting committee will be not only intrinsically anti-GM foods but anti-science as well? What sort of an advisory committee would that be?

Professor Beringer's point about the difficulty of finding scientists who do not have some links with industry is well made. The policies of the previous government with regard to funding or, more correctly, withdrawal of funding from, academic research and the privatisation or partial privatisation of government research establishments have made it extremely difficult to find any scientists who can satisfy the "independence criteria" laid down try the environmental lobby. The present government has made some progress in redressing this situation but the problem still remains, and will do for years to

Finally, Mr Meacher's assumptions of ethical slipperiness and a lack of independent thought among biotechnologists are extremely offensive to the many practising scientists who attempt to maintain objectivity in an increasingly subjective world. ROBERTA NICHOLS Abingdon, Oxfordshire

Sir: I have just driven down the Al for 100 miles and bave enjoyed the bright spring flowers which decorate the verges most of the way. These are nearly all bright yellow, and can be identified as oilseed rape. These flowers were never planted there, but found their way there, borne on the wind or by birds. Can anyone really believe that GM plants won't be carpeting the verges in a few years' time? GABRIELLE MAUGHAN Morcott, Rutland

Voices of Serbia

April) asks if the Serbs in Britain, protesting against the Nato bombing, understand why their country is being attacked, and if they condemn the atrocities committed in Kosovo.

Here in Belgrade, each cry against the bombing is, unfortunately, scored by the regime as a voice of approval of its policy on Kosovo. But one should never equate these two things.

We are aware of the crimes committed in Kosovo, but we know that Milosevic has no ear for our voices. The bombing is good for him only, because it helps him to strengthen his regime. Nato refuses to recognise this, and continues the fruitless campaign that provokes only the suffering of innocent people in Serbia, without helping the Albanians in Kosovo.

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I agree that the parallel with the Germans and the Second World War is striking. Hitler misled the German nation, turning it against the world and into the Holocaust. Milosevic does much the same with the Serbs. Neither the German nation, nor the Serbs, should be seen as genocidal by nature; they have only been unlucky to spend a part of their histories under the dictatorship of ruthless people. DRAGAN MARKOVIC Belgrade

Sir: My visit to the Serbs demonstrating in Whitehall last week produced an entirely

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Billingsgate No 2: Porters at London's fish market burry to unload incoming vans. The market has 120 porters altogether, and each trader must employ at least one on a full-time basis. For loading fish into a customer's van, the customer pays the porter 12p per stone 'bobbin' money

Kalpesh Lathigra least one on a full-time basis. For loading fish into a customer's van, the customer pays the porter 12p per stone 'bobbin' money

different picture from that reported by Kevin Greenan (letter, 9 April).

I met no one who was "pro-Milosevic". What I did discover was people who are concerned that the current situation has pulled disparate parties behind Milosevic - a polarisation of views which appears dangerously to be happening bere. CAROLINE BUCKNALL London N4

Sir: The First World War, the war no great power wanted, stood as the classic negation of diplomatic foresight and strategic thought: no clear goal, no calculation of the s the goal was m "exit strategy"; no fall-back lessergoal option should the "fog of war" lead to reverses and costescalation.

Now the century ends with another negation of the most fundamental tenets of diplomacy and strategy. Another war that could and should have been averted. There were innumerable compromise permutations acceptable to the majority of Serbs as well as the majority of Kosovars, offered by conflict specialists intimately familiar with Kosovo by the Swedish Peace and conflict Centre in Lund, try this author and others). They were ignored, as Madeleine Albright, supported by President Clinton and Tony Blair. disregarded diplomatic channels

in favour of take-it-or-leave-it ultimata. Another war escalating beyond any cost-calculation warranted by its perceived or stated purpose. Weekly killings by the Kosovo Liberation Army and Serb paramilitaries had been in single or low double figures. Sparking the very scale of trumanitarian catastrophe it was supposed to avert. Nato now embraced this disaster of its own making as justification for further tilind escalation, still with no clear end

Another propaganda war. Opponent demonisation is a dumting down of foreign policy. In this case it appeared oblivious of

the visceral Serb attachment to Kosovo, their Alamo, and oblivious of the fact that on the issue of its retention democrats and neofascists alike closed ranks with Milosevic.

Karl von Clausewitz, the "father" of modern strategy. feared nothing more than war's inherent escalatory logic. That is why he insisted on political control and clear strategic reason. Today. the rising clamour for land troops (in terrain ideal for protracted struggle, against a fee trained to perpetuate its graphically illustrates the former; the latter remains wondrously absent. Clausewitz would turn in h Professor CARL G JACOBSEN Department of Political Science Carleton University

Sir: You report (10 April) the Nato military spokesman, firstly, retracting his "absolute assurance" that Nato certainly had not caused the absolute and widespread damage he believed to have tieen orchestrated by Serb forces, then, secondly, explaining away damage to a residential area

Sir Your comparison between

April) is misguided. The latter

teachers, journalists and

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DERWYN WILLIAMS

St Albans, Hertfordshire

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Sir: Lance Green (letter, 8 April)

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as the "seduction" of a bomtraway from its target. Then, you report Nato's civilian spokesman descritting Nato's jet engines as

"the sound of angels".

I do hope that these are not the same people bebind the beadline on the same day "Nato dismisses Yeltsin's threats". FILLI MARTIN RUBENSTEIN RAF Cosford Wolverhampton

Sir: In a global context there is bope in the Kosovo maelstrom: the first Nato military action has been on behalf of the rights of Muslims. JOHN D ANDERSON

Sir: Money is on tap for bombs. For food and medicine, out comes the begging bowl. Why? Why not the other way round? GEORGE DELF Durham

Sir: Thank goodness that when America sought our assistance in their invasion of Vietnam, we had as Prime Minister Harold Wilson and not Tony Blair. J R BRISBOURN Dorking, Surrey

IN BRIEF

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Dr MARK DOUGHERTY

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Borlonge, Sweden

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Sir: Your reviewer of "Dead

the Day 10 April) is wrong in

asserting that Sean Sellers

became the first person in 40

Kid Walking" (Documentary of

injury or death, whatever the

Drug testing

Sir: As the senior probation officer responsible for the operation of the Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO) pilot project in Liverpool, I am amazed at the article "Straw sex and drugs policies ignored" (2 April).

I am aware that each of the pilot schemes is different, but in Liverpool of the 28 individuals assessed for the DTTO who have been sentenced to date, 16 have been placed on the order, five received immediate prison sentences due lo the seriousness of their offences, two refused to e part and the remainder assessed as unsuitable for the DTTO but proposed for other

community sentences. The DTTO is demanding; it is not suitable for every drug user and some individuals fail to comply with the order. In both respects it is similar to other community penalties currently operated by the Probation Service, I cannot answer for the projects in the other two areas. However, I can assure readers that in Liverpool, urine samples are oot produced in "degrading" conditions and there

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EDMUND CONYBEARE

Death Row in the US.

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Euton, Herefordshire

THE MATHIAS FAMILY

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first, on 11 September 1985 in

juvenile offenders remain on

Sir: We heard the cuckoo in our

garden this morning, a full

week earlier than usual. Yet

United States for a crime

is no question of female staff observing male offenders. Merseyside Probation Service is

working with a range of statutory and voluntary agencies, to establish for each offender placed on the order an individualised "treatment plan". The DTTO pilot projects are not perfect; we are still learning a great deal. There is no easy solution to the entrenched pattern of drug use, offending and

prison. The Drug Treatment and Testing Order is a brave attempt to break this cycle. LINDA CRÁWLEY Merseyside Probation Service Liverpool

Phone nightmare

Sir: Why are the British public, and more importantly the Government, accepting so readily the fact that British Telecom is once again about to cause complete mayhem by changing a selection of UK dialling codes?

As the Chief Executive of the charity Medic Alert I am faced with the prospect of heading a programme not simply to alter our notepaper but to tackle the unenviable task of calling in and reissuing the 183,000 emergency identification emblems worn by our members, which have a London-based 24 hour emergency number engraved on the back

The cost involved is galling enough but the planning and organisation of such a project, which will entail extra staffing and shift work along with new machinery and equipment, is a logistical nightmare

Do we really just have to sit and do as we are told? And is there honestly no compensation for nonprofit organisations such as ours? According to BT, apparently not.

If we are to believe BT this change will last for at least a decade - but wasn't that what we were told the last time? Suggestions, donations and

volunteers all welcome. JULIE FRIEND Chief Executive, Medic Alert London N1

Peace in Ireland

Sir: Full-scale arms decommissioning in Northern Ireland is unrealisable. It would be utter folly, and recklessly destabilising, for republicans, loyalists, or state security forces to undertake strategic disarmament at this stage.

However, what is most certainly realistic is the notion of putting some weapons beyond use. There is no credible basis for any argument against passing control of some weaponry to the international decommissioning body. Removing a few pounds of Semtex from a hoard of several thousand pounds doesn't alter strategic military capability. Nor does it destabilise the equilibrium between various armed groups. Also, weapons cached two hundred miles south in Tipperary are completely redundant when defending Belfast ghettos.

Neither republicans nor loyalists should dismiss the importance of participating in a voluntary act of reconciliation. Republicans in particular have most to lose by walking away. Quite simply, the world in general, and the North American Irish diaspora in particular, will just not comprehend how republicans could even contemplate ignoring the expressed wishes of the Irish

people.
It is not correct to describe an act of reconciliation as surrender On the contrary, to freely proffer a token in the form of weapons is a sign of confidence and empowerment. It will be the most important gesture ever made in modern Irish politics, the defining moment which transforms the whole peace process from one formed between enemies to one sustained between nascent friends. JOHN HOEY .

Angry pensioners

Sir: Your report (9 April) that a leading Labour activist is calling for a boycott by Labour Party members of the coming European elections should be heeded by Mr

Ten million pensioners, many of whom worked or voted to get a Labour government elected in 1997, are infuriated by broken promises that the state pension would form the foundation of retirement income and that they would share in the prosperity of the country. We are being patronised with gratuitous handouts and an increase in degrading, expensive and inefficient means testing.

Unless there is a sudden change in attitude by this government, senior citizens will have serious administration that treats election pledges to this generation of pensioners in such a cavalier way. CLIFFORD FULLER Gloucester

Right of dissent

Sir Jane Jakeman ("Daggers drawn", 8 April) alleges that I "tried to interrupt" a speech by Michael Mansfield at the last Crime Writers Association dinner "on the seemingly inflammatory subject of human rights". I neither tried to nor interrupted Mr Mansfield, I did, however, after his harangue about General Pinochet, politely inquire if he would be in favour of extraditing a particular IRA leader to a foreign country whose citizens had been murdered by terrorists under his control.

Like Mr Mansfield I care a great deal about human rights. That is why I spend much of my time championing the cause of frightened people in Northern Ireland who are beaten, tortured and mutilated by loyalist and republican terrorists. RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS London NW5

Jam today ...

Sir: "Lorries to jam nine cities" theadline, 12 April). Nothing new CHARLES HARRIS London NW3

Tinseltown's history of jazz hits a discordant note

THE AMERICAN trumpeter Chet Baker had a rough time in his life. From being the new star of jazz in the 1950s, looking a lot like James Dean and playing a bit like Miles Davis, he spiralled down through a life of drugs and jail and being beaten up by drug dealers. I can remember at the time coming across a piece on Chet Baker in a woman's magazine called Ten Thousand Hell-Holes In My Arm, which I always thought was rather a gosd title.

Moving to Europe, he later came to control if not exactly beat his drug habit and had a renaissance in the 1980s, now looking more like Jack Palance than James Dean. Finally re-established, he fell to his death in 1988. From a window in an Amsterdam jazz club, as I recall. And now, posthumously, there is worse to come. He is probably to be played in a forthcoming Hollywood film by Leonardo di Caprio.

Anyone who has been around jazz history a bit will recognise why Hollywood might be attracted to his life (and ignore the fact that there is already a very good film about his life called Let's Get Lost). Hollywood likes a soft-centred jazz story with a bit of tittersweet tragedy worked in. There was The Glenn Miller Story, in which James Stewart as Glenn Miller died somewhere over the Channel trying to reach France in a brave mission to bring regimented dance music to the liberated French. There was Young Man With n Horn, in which Kirk Douglas created a fictionalised view of Bix Beiderbecke's life and bad times. There was The Benny Goodman Story, in which Benny Goodman didn't die at all, because he was still alive in real life, which must have distressed Hollywood.

I wonder if anyone has noticed something that all these films have in common. Well done! All the subjects are white musicians. Not until Bernard Tavernier made Round Midnight and Clint Eastwood made Bird did a hlack jazz hero become the subject of a film. which is odd, because jazz is a black music. Film, bowever, is not a black industry, and Hollywood is not a black-orientated place, so it is not surprising that Hollywood's view of through white-tinted spectacles.

jazz has almost always been Chet Baker is white already. which is great. And it is true that be was popular in the 1950s, and

had college boy looks like James

Dean's, and was a symbol of cool



MILES KINGTON

If Hollywood wants Leonardo to be Chet Baker, I expect it will go ahead and do it

jazz, West Coast jazz, Californian jazz, and all that. But I really think someone ought to step in before it's too late, and say that it didn't go a lot further than that - that Chet Baker was not a jazz giant, not even an icon. A pin-up, yes; icon. no.

I was only a kid at the time of his greatest fame, and I remember Chet Baker being thought a bit too lightweight by the jazz crowd even then. I did buy jazz records with Chet Baker on, purely because they were by the ingenious Gerry Mulligan Quartet. Chet Baker played some nice counterpoint with Mulligan, and had a wispy, little boy charm and a pure tone which I quite liked, but a little of it went a long way, and 1 can clearly remember preferring the trumpeter who replaced Chet Baker with Mulligan, Jon Eardley. Jon Eardley, as far as I know, moved to Europe shortly afterwards and

has stayed on the mainland ever

since, leading a respectable life, and thus will never have his life story filmed by Hollywood.

To be honest, the reason that Chet Baker became famous was that the media wanted a white jazz musician they could publicise at a time when modern jazz was hip. Just as Elvis Presley fulfilled the dreams of the pop music industry - who yearned for a white boy who could sing like a black man - so Chet Baker came at the right time for the public face of jazz.

The mass public has always preferred a safe white equivalent. Bix Beiderbecke was preferred by white audiences to Louis Armstrong, Harry James was preferred to Roy Eldridge, and Chet Baker was top of the polls ahead of Miles Davis. Fats Navarro, Dizzy Gillespie and all the black

guys who were streets ahead of him. (Like Clifford Brown, for instance a truly astonishing trumpeter whose poise and grace, whose agile imaginings, still sound heartachingly good 40 or 50 years later. He was born a year later than Chet Baker and he died in 1956, at 26, killed in a car crash. He was black. He was not known to be much into drugs. He will never have his life filmed.)

However, if Hollywood wants Leonardo to be Chet Baker, I expect it will go ahead and make Leonardo into Chet Baker. The last time Leonardo was in the news was because the film be was making in Thailand involved some rearrange-

ment of the Siamese landscape. Don't be too surprised if this one involves some nifty rearrangement of the shape of jazz history.

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It will take real diplomacy to stop the war spreading

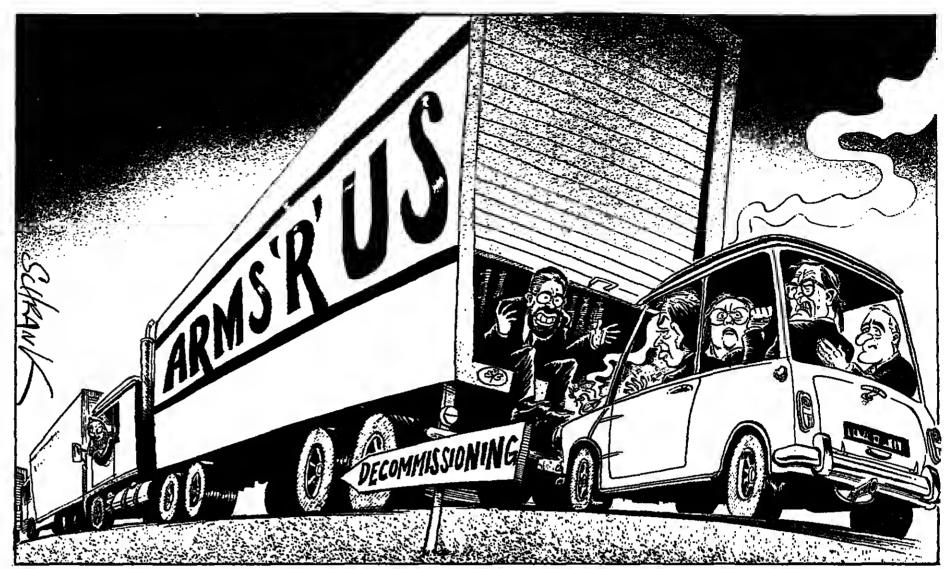
THE MOST ominous development of the war in Kosovo has come with the news that the Serb forces in the province are shelling Albania. The great danger now is that the war will spill over into Macedonia and the Yugoslav province of Montenegro, leading to more burnt villages. dispersed families and an acceleration of the violence.

As Nato talks about "tightening the screw" on Slobodan Milosevic, President of Yugoslavia, his army is continuing to ignore Nato bombs and wage the war on its own terms by shelling the towns of Tropoja and Padesh in northern Albania. This is hardly surprising given that Albania has recently handed over control of its airspace and ports to Nato. Albania is now the base from which Nato has decided to land its punches on Serbia. President Milosevic is thus justified to regard his regime at war with Albania. While this now forces Nato to protect Albania. Nato must ensure that the fighting does not to spread to Macedonia and Montenegro.

To ensure that this does not happen, Nato needs to hold fast to its political objectives. At yesterday's meeting in Brussels, the 19 Nato members pledged to attack President Milosevic until he "accedes to the demands of the international community". The most important of these demands is that the Yugoslav regime allows Kosovars to return to their homeland and live there in tranquillity. This will be impossible without an army to keep the ethnic Albanians and Serbs from each others' throats. There will have to be a Nato element in that force if the ethnic Albanians are to accept it. The establishment of a protectorate will be difficult enough without having to cope with an all-out Balkan war.

The Western governments are tortuously manoeuvring towards accepting the inevitability of using ground troops through double negatives and what they leave unsaid. Tony Blair is carefully leaving open the opportunity to authorise a land invasion. The Pentagon has admitted that there are plans for an invasion. And despite the politicians' platitudes that invading Kosovo will be dangerous, Nato

The greatest threat to the successful prosecution of an invasion is doubt in the minds of Kosovo's neighbours about Nato's aims. The support, or at least the acquiescence, of Greece, Macedonia and Montenegro is all important to the success of a limited war. The swiftest way to provoke their hostility is to instil the suspicion that the Nato protectorate in Kosovo will lead to the creation of a greater Albanian state. The Western governments must announce that the external borders of Yugoslavia are not in question. The West must ensure that the war is being fought to defend the Kosovar people. Sadly, this will only be achieved with the use of infantry



The ball is now in the court of the IRA

SOME PEOPLE might think that the Good Friday Agreement cannot fail. It can and it might.

Despite the paramilitary ceasefire, there is no indication that the Provisional IRA is prepared to either band over or destroy any guns. Without the decommissioning of weapons, the Ulster Unionists will not accept Sinn Fein's presence on Northern Ireland's power-sharing executive. And though, technically, Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, could still set up the executive, without Sinn Fein's participation there would be little point. Whatever the private feelings of David Trimble and Gerry Adams about decommissioning, they both fear that it would be more than their careers were worth unless their opponents give way.

Today is the second, and most likely the final, chance to push through a settlement. At first, Dr Mowlam and her out the Garvaghy Road, the European elections will take Irish counterpart will be presiding over the negotiations. If there is any likelihood of success, then Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, will arrive in a flurry of belicopters on Thursday. To let the talks drift on would almost certainly lead to the end of the Good Friday Agreement. The negotiations were meant to have concluded by Easter. In shifting the deadline, Mo Mowlam showed that she was aware that the political process should not be stymied by such negotiating devices as deadlines, However, some deadlines are not arbitrary.

Last year's referendum in Eire that secured the abandonment of the claim to sovereignty over the six Ulster counties depended on setting up a new government in Northern Ireland in a year's time. To add fuel to the flames, the Orange marching season begins in June. Another series of riots on the Garvaghy Road between police and Unionists before the executive is in place could create the kind

of lawlessness that would kill the negotiations. Even withup politicians' time and goodwill.

The Hillshorough Declaration, issued by the British and Irish governments before Easter, set out a draft agreement for decommissioning. The British government has sensibly offered to make concessions about the presence of British troops in Ulster in return for some IRA weapons being decommissioned. There must be every effort to show the IRA that decommissioning weapons does not represent surrender but the opportunity to create a just future for Northern Ireland's Catholic and republican people.

However, Sinn Fein cannot expect much more from the British government. If these talks fail, it will be the IRA's fault. If the IRA chooses to hamstring Sinn Fein, it will have thrown away peace for the sake of a symbol. There will be few in Northern Ireland who will want to resume the bombing over the issue of decommissioning. The plty is that it only ever takes a few.

When it's right to say no to a night of cider with Rosie

I WAS 19, she was 16. The Scottish few lads as possible discover this terstars were hright, the cider was rible, natural truth. strong. That night in Rosie's tent (no, I'm not making this up) we giggled, tickled and smoothed. But the occasional desultory foray by raiding fingertips into soft borderlands was eventually stopped for three good reasons. The first was exhaustion, the second (after two weeks under canvas without bath or shower) was hygiene, and the third, decisive one was that I was abusing a position of trust, and I knew it.

I was reminded of Rosie by the words of Lady Young, who later today plans once more to oppose the passage of the Sexual Offences Bill in the House of Lords. Lady Young objects to the provision lowering the age of consent for homosexual sex between males. Her reasoning (if such it may be called) for leading her crusty peers in one last undemocratic revolt is that boys and girls are different. "A lot of boys at 16," she argues, "are less mature than girls at that age and are often quite ambivalent about their sexuality.

But if Baroness Young is right, then logically one of two things must follow. Either thousands of poor, inherently gay boys are being dragged away from their true inclinations by predatory females exploiting their "ambivalence", only to pay the price later when, as married men, they realise the awful mistake they have made. Or else homosexuality is simply a great deal more attractive to teenage boys than sex with girls, and thousands of years of social taboos

Lady Young, however, can be excused some confusion in her argument - for this business of when and with whom young people can be allowed to have sex, is (as I intuited that night with Rosie) a genuinely difficult one. While we can differ on whether the law serves any useful purpose in regulating sexual activity between youngsters, I don't believe that it does), most of us wish to prevent the sexual exploitation by adults of kids.

It is presumably for that reason, in another fit of have-problem-mustlegislate, the Government included in this bill a measure that will make illegal any sexual relations between 16and 17-year-olds, and adults in a position of trust. As fat as I can tell, atmost no one is opposing this provision, which could see erring teachers, care workers, scoutmasters, Arkelas, Baloos, Brown Owls and suchlike, banged up in the slammer for up to two years should they stray.

Strangely, the unintended first casualty of this provision has been the professional reputation of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead. Mr Woodhead is a stern man, whose zeal on behalf of school standards is physically emphasised by hair worn in a strange, carved, helmetlike cut - a style that you do not find photographically advertised outside Toni & Guy's.

No one, it seems, much loves him. Except, perhaps, those that shouldn't. A couple of months ago, just after the execution of Glenn Hoddle for incorhave existed to try and ensure that as rect religious views, it transpired

DAVID AARONOVITCH

Just as bad teachers should be forced to leave the

profession, so should those who sleep with their pupils

that Mr Woodhead had spoken tolerantly of teachers who had sex with their pupils. He said they were unwise and wrong, but went on: "I think human beings can get themselves into messes and I think those messes can sometimes be experiential and educative on both sides." It sounded like a rare moment of fellow feeling.

Woodhead's words were clearly not a sin on the same scale as believing in reincarnation, so the hubbuh died down a little. Until, that is, Adultery News taka The Moil on Sunday) revealed what many thought they had long known, which was that Woodhead had had, when a young teacher, a relationship with a pupil. Both he and the woman in question have denied that the affair took place while she was at the Gordano School

started later. And there is, claims Mr their urges is not one that parents or Woodhead (rightly), an "enormous difference between having a relationship after a teacher has stopped teaching the advances of their pupils is not fit a pupil and having an affair with that to be left in charge of a class. While pupil while a teaching relationship is still going on".

The trouble is that Mr Woodhead's ex-wife Cathy and several friends and colleagues of hers say that the chief inspector is not being truthful. Cathy Woodhead has promised a legal action against her former husband if David Blunkett refuses to look into the details she has so helpfully supplied.

Now, let us suppose Ithough we cannot know it) that the affair did Indeed take place when the young Woodhead and his gym-slipped inamorata were both at the same school. Would that mean that he should not be Chief Inspector of Schools? Would lying about it to the newspapers and his bossi be sufficient grounds for a sacking? If he had been guilty, should he then have been drummed out of the profession? Or should he, as the Government now insists, also have been open to criminal prosecution?

Let us take these questions in reverse order. Like the well-respected General Secretary of the National Association of Headteachers, David Hart, I am opposed to creating a category of consensual sexual relationship between those who are legally adults, which the law then prohibits.

But I part company from Mr Hart in the exculpatory tone of his remarks about how, sometimes, pupils lead teachers on. Any teacher who is so innear Bristol. According to them, it all continent as to be unable to control

colleagues can trust. And any teacher. who is so weak that they succumb to this is not a criminal matter, it most certainly is a professional one. I can't imagine why there should be exceptions.

This is what the tough-talking Mr Woodhead should have told that conference: that just as bad teachers should be forced to leave the profession, so should those who sleep with their pupils. But for some reason he didn't. Now, I would not were I Mr Blunkett, sack Chris Woodhead for lying about his private life. If, however, back in the mid-Seventies, Mr Woodhead did indeed sleep with a pupil when he was in locu parentle, then he was not fit to be a teacher then, and cannot possibly be a credible adjudicator of professional standards now. Unless, of course, he repents.

The 19-year-old Aaronovitch, a supervisor at a large camp for kids, had runlike teachers: little training, and he had only been warned in an oblique way to keep his hands off the older merchandise. But the dreary morning following the curtailed night, the humane and wise leader of the camp an old socialist who rejoiced in the nickname Beefy - gave me a hard. long look. He was disappointed in me, and hoped - without asking - that I had not let things go too far.

I hadn't. I didn't require the beak to stop me drinking too much cider with Rosie. But I had needed a hit of self-control.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't think of myself as an actress. And I didn't think any of you did." Elizabeth Taylor on being nwarded n Bafta fellowship

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"War is like love, it always finds a way." Bertolt Brecht German dramatist

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Comment on Scotland's victory in the last ever Five Nations Rugby Championship

frighten us. We're good. And we tired players, our entire tcom know we are. The Scotsman

GIVEN WE had a different team the manner of their play. They proclaim it; our abilities do not from last year, and some over- Scotland, last year severely Wales and England in the Five

collapsed. The marvellous wins of last season were just a faint memory and we still hadn't scored by half time. Wales and AS THE decider between

punished by our team, obtained their revenge this time round. But what caused this metamorphosis? Perhaps it's this creatine they all seem to be taking. More probably it is the fact that they are importing foreign players - Wales now boasts a former All Black, and the Scottish have adopted three New Zealanders for themselves. Le Figaro, France

Our Bravehearts weren't even there but, minutes later, the whole nation rejoiced to a famous Scottish triumph. The Welsh win means we will be the last nation engraved on the Five Nations trophy - next year with Italy joining, it will be known as the Six Nations.

Daily Record, Scotland

Nations went to the wire, and

favourites England won a cru-

cial scrum. Bill McLaren, the

Voice of Rugby told millions of

viewers: "It's Scotland's put-in."

PANDORA

PETER MANDELSON is close to selling his Notting Hill flat. According to agents Marsh & Parsons, Mandy's accepted an offer close to the £785,000 guide price - but his buver's stuck in a chain...

MANDY'S FRIEND Rupert Murdoch is experiencing similar frustrations with the sale of his rather grander £12.5m, six-acre property in Los Angeles. The media tycoon has taken the 17room house nff the market after a succession of curiosity-seekers (some of them pretty high-voltage they include studin heads Michael Eisner and Jeffrey Katzenberg, along with über agent Michael Ovitz) traipsed through it . Murdoch is reported as saying: "I'm sick and tired nf having moguls visit my bnuse and rifle through my desk."

BATHROOMS ARE dangerous. According to the new issue of Good Housekeeping, 240 people every year on these stores end up in casualty after "incidents with bidets".

HAS FAT lady Clarissa Dickson Wright inined the **Liberal Democrats?** Pandora's taking the story with a pinch of salt, but as Wright's professional partner Jennifer Paterson writes for the camp Tory rag The Spectator, such a switch could add a much spicier tone to the dnn's kitchen table discourse...

MEANWHILE CULINARY subversives the Nosh Brothers cootinue to add their own idiosyncratic piquancy to the saccharine confection that is celebrity chefdom. The hrothers, who publish an alcoholicly flavoured cookbook called Summer Nosh this week. recently nominated their 15 least favourite things about British restaurants. Highlights include electric handblowers ("very motorway service station"). "poncey descriptions on menus" "smothered with a garnish of larks' tongues

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coocept of service or hygiene". And the brothers don't like Italians because "they chat up your crumpet".

WHICH WILL be the coolest sbades to wear this summer? Fashionistas swear by the expensive new Chanel glasses: they have to be slipped over the head because the unit is essentially two monocles jnined by wire at the back. But the smart money is no Kirk Originals with their amber-tinted "worldenhancing view" lenses. They're very popular among young people whn

WE'RE USED to ladmags featuring acres of skin - hut now it's women's titles that are moving beyond sexy coverlines into totty territory. The new Elle features a racy spread of naked thesp Keely Hawes while, over the water. Cosmo plans to take over a Manhattan department store window and fill it with lingerie models to launch its swimsuit issue... you've come a long way, baby! Nylon, the new femme-targeted title launched today by the cutting-edge RayGun-Bikini stable, features an eight-page lingerie spread in its début issue. If money ever gets tight, Nylon can always recruit its talent in-house: the magazine is the hrainchild of supermodel Helena Christensen (pictured).

PAUL McCARTNEY'S lachrymose Royal Albert Hall gig this week apparently presages us seeing a lot more of the old

pothead. He's apparently been back to his Abbey Road stomping ground, laying down a disc full of Sixties cover versions with fellow dinosaurs Pink Floyd. Tell Grandma.

> party at Momo restaurant the other day, Candace Bushnall, creator of Channel Four's Sex in the City. said that Brits are too sexually indiscreet. "T've never visited anywhere where the sexes are so disparaging about each other -English men say

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English women are bad in bed, and English women say English men are bed in bed. Yes Candace, but compared to your native New Yorkers what are we really like in bed? "Let's just say I haven't been disappointed," she replied. Ah, the joys of research...

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Hedgehogs versus handmade books

THERE WAS mixed millennial news for the Eastern counties last week. A public meeting set up by the Diss Chamber of Commerce to review appropriate end-of-year celebrations was atteoded by a total of seven people: six members of the chamber and a local journalist.

Berating the community for its lack of interest, the President of the Chamber, Ken Wells, described the millennium as "the higgest event most of us will experience in our lives". Meanwhile a fund raising appeal for the eveot organised by a local supermarket has produced a total of £10 in two months - a sum which compares unfavourably to the £700 raised last month for a nearby Hedgehog Rescue Hospital.

On the brighter side, money for the "Haverhill Face of 2000" has now heen confirmed, according to a hreezy newsletter from Eastern Arts. The plan is for 2000 Haverhillians to photograph one another and for the results to be cybernetically morphed into one face: a lovely idea and doubtless worth every penny of the £25,378 of public money that it is going to cost. With this and other such projects,



TERENCE BLACKER

Does the obsession with the millennium indicate a profound lack of national self-confidence?

including The Changing Face of Luton (£29.520), Bedfordshire's 200 handmade hooks "to document women's attitudes, hopes and aspirations for the new millennium" 1£14,8811 and multicultural carnivals in Peterborough and Essex (£23,616 and £29,5201, a total of £620,480 will be spent to "hring communities together, create new artistic work and celebrate the identity of communities across the region". By an unhappy, if telling, accident of timing, all these exciting plans were overshadowed by an event which did rather less for these admirable aims.

With breathtaking ineptitude and callousness, Eastern Arts and local councils withdrew funding from the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich a few days before the start of its amateur season. On the region's TV news, teenage members of the Wolsey Youth Theatre, whose adaptation of Roald Dahl's Boy was due to open this week after seven months' of rehearsal, were seen sobbing outside the closed theatre.

Doubtless we shall be told that the situation at the Wolsey was complex, that the rescue plan, although overseen by Eastern Arts, was not working, that it is inappropriate to compare the £322,750 spent on the theatre last year to a one-off grant, almost double the amount, being given by the Lottery's millennium fund to the Peterborough carnival, the Changing Face of Luton and the rest. The money comes from different sources. And, of course, the millennium is the

biggest event most of us will experience in our lives.

Yet behind the justifications and rationalisations, there's a grim consistency to it all. Visit most medium-sized towns across the region - indeed in any agricultural part Britain - and you will find the identity of communities being celebrated in a peculiar manner Crass, short-sighted planning has allowed greedy supermarket chains to leech the life-blood from the centre of towns. Those worst affected, as is ever the case, are teenagers too old to play on swings and too young to escape by car. In an atmosphere of boredom and despair, rural crime and vandalism is on the increase.

Those who sit plumply on committees, whether in councils or on arts boards, invariably ignore the problem. When a prime building-site became available on the outskirts of Diss recently, there was a widely supported campaign by town residents for a cinema to be huilt there. No prizes for guessing what is on its way - a supermarket to join the other three which have done so much to destroy the town. No wonder that local worthies

and arts administrators seize on the millennium with such glee. What better way to distract attention from real challenges and opportunities, to provide a flashy, fake illusion of community spirit than with a morphed face or a multicultural knees-up? Producing 200 handmade books may cost over £14,000 (£70 a volume? Surely that can't be right?) but it has the advantage of requiring no followthrough, no embarrassing scenes of distraught, disappointed teenagers on the evening news.

What does it all mean? Does this official obsession with the millennium indicate a profound lack of national self-confidence? To judge by the relatively sane behaviour of other countries, there's something peculiarly British about the desperate yearning for spurious historical significance.

But, if Diss and Ipswich are anything to go by, those outside the committee rooms are not fooled. For them, celebrating local identity involves long-term decisions rather than one-off gimmicks. As for the millennium, they would prefer to save their money for the hedgehogs.

Bad dads need help just as much as single mothers

IF SINGLE-PARENT mothers were the target of the right's moral dis-approval for much of the 1990s, in the late 1990s new scapegoats are in danger of being found. Deadbeat dads and feckless fathers have begun to exorcise the energies of the Democrats and New Labour.

The reasoo is political as well as moral, financial as well as philosophical. While governments are now all too keen to lend a helping hand to today's struggling singleparcot mums, when it comes to nonresident fathers the opposite has been true. Here the rhetoric has been harsher, the message tougher. Political attention bas turned to had dads - amoral dads, dads who have deserted their offspring and walked away from their moral and financial responsibilities.

Why is this? In both the US and Britain a series of social trends - the divorce epidemic, increasing relationship breakdown and a dramatic decline in marriage rates in inner cities - have combined to produce a phenomenoo called "the feminisation of poverty". Crudely put, this means more and more single-parent mums dependent on benefits, more and more children in poverty and more and more fathers refusing to accept responsibility moral and financial - for the welfare nf their children.

It is these trends that explain much of the pressure to reform welfare in both countries. But in a political climate where talk of tax increases is to commit electoral suicide, the challenge both for the Democrats and now for New Labour has been to find new sources of income without imposing additional costs on taxpayers, who are after all tomorrow's voters. Hence the focus on bad dads.

In America, the first wave of



HELEN Wilkinson

New Labour should learn the lesson from the US: it's not that 'deadbeats' won't pay - they can't

punitive "naming and shaming" tactics to hully and intimidate "bad dads" into accepting their financial and moral responsibilities.

In theory this sounds perfectly acceptable but the infringements of personal liberty and the tactics chosen by many American states are shocking when you come face to face with them in practice. Massachusetts has led the way with, among other things, the power to revoke driving licences when faced with non-payment of child support.

More controversial still, posters adorn the Boston subway with photo identikits asking you if you recognise any of these "criminals". Closer inspection reveals them to be dads delinquent in their payment of child support. Massachusetts' hard hitting campaign has been effective, and child support collections have risen dramatically. Partly as a conseouence, other states have followed their lead: a number of states now have "Bad Dad" websites where worthy neighbours, friends and even family are called upon to do the right change has seen states introduce thing and snitch on those dads who

are not accepting their moral (and therefore financial) responsibilities. There is no doubt that this kind of punitive approach has its virtues. It has certainly worked to shame

some fathers - predominantly middle-class opes - into accepting their responsibilities, and quite right too. However, such an approach also has its weaknesses. It can alienate and stigmatise those who are unable to pay, perpetuating vicious cycles of exclusion.

In this sense, much of the energy has been misdirected. Many deadbeats", as Americans like to call them, are actually poor. More and more research has come to light that It's not so much that they woo't pay as that they can't

Poverty, that unfashionable word in the late 1990s, stands in the way, and posters that name and shame the poor and disenfranchised simply reinforce their sense of exclusion and injustice from a society that seems reluctant to accept its moral

responsibility to them. New Labour, which is often in thrall to the US experience, should learn the lesson. Moral outrage and platitudes about financial responsibility that bear little understanding of the realities of inner-city life may generate a cheap headline in the tabloid press but in the end they achieve little of practical value on the ground for those

communities most in need. The good (and somewhat surprising news) from the US is that the next wave of reform there implicitly recognises this. Piooeering states such as Colorado have developed sophisticated public engagement campaigns through the Governor's office involving sports figures such as baseball players with catchy headlines such as "Fatherhood is a contact sport" and "Be a hero to your child Pay child support".



The ideal family no longer matches up to inner-city reality Colorific

most far-reaching in influence, is that the rhetoric of moral decline and pessimism is beginning to be challenged by a more upbeat, positive and cautiously optimistic message.

Such campaigns implicitly recognise that there is no one archetypal amoral bad dad, just as there is no one archetypal amoral single-parent mom. The vast majority of lowincome non-resident fathers, like the vast majority of low-income singleparent mums, are struggling to cope and need a beloing hand.

For the first time, federal (and state) resources are being devoted to welfare-to-work schemes targeted at low-income fathers, the kind of fathers trapped in America's innercity sink estates. Of course, the resources nowhere near match the scale of the problem. But this is a historic first. The federal government now recognises that unemployed non-resident fathers, as well as single-parent mothers, need a Families and Work Institute

The most interesting aspect of helping hand in their efforts to gain these initiatives, and ultimately the work. At the same time, these employment-based strategies are being directly linked to other voluntary initiatives, such as parenting classes.

> New Labour should learn the lessons from the American experience - namely that if society is going to preach the virtues of responsible parenthood, it too must accept its own responsibility for creating the conditions for low-income parents fathers as well as mothers - to thrive. None of this means that New Labour's rhetorie of parental

> responsibility is wide of the mark, far from it. Just that it needs to be underpinned by a clearer understanding of how poverty impacts on people's capacities to act responsibly, and how in turn, we as a society have a responsibility to tackle the causes and consequences of that poverty collectively.

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carse leave offer from ladges deat NewsHow the East was won for Britain SIR STAMFORD Raffles was not perhaps sufficiently honoured and admired by his contemporaries in England, hut his name is forever linked with a

major city of our times, the city of Singapore, which he founded Raffles is also connected

with a brief but important spell of British rule in Indonesia, in the island of Java. Taking over from the Dutch, he assumed the role of British colonial authority in the island, at the time of the Napoleonic Wars. It only lasted for less than six years (1812-17), but it created an everlasting impression.

Thanks to Raffles' personal interests, British rule in Java - and indeed in the East - was later much romanticised and idealised. Raffles was turned into a myth. He was seen as the enlightened English ruler par excellence, a man of taste and culture who loved and admired the people of South-East Asia and only wanted to help them to regain their self-esteem. unlike the highly exploitative and bloodthirsty Dutch who had ruled the island before he people to forget the not-so-enlightened actions of his countrymen in India before and after his own time. It is indeed a myth that lingers on, in a subtle way, even though colonialism is a thing of the past.

It should not be forgotten, however, that a great deal of what we know about Raffles in Java is from his own book, History of Inva, published in 1817 in two volumes.

In this book he is obviously keeo to glorify his own actions, to tell his countrymen - a number of whom were clearly his political eoemies - about his benevolent measures and to persuade them that Java was worthy of colonial interest.

The "researcher" Raffles was most of all a great collector, one also wonders whether his much publicised friendship with Javanese noblemen was not somewhat hampered by his inability to converse in Javanese. He relied very much on the able diplomat Joho Crawfurd whose linguistic abilities were dazzling - it was said that he had mastered Javanese in just six months - to communicate with the Javanese princes and Stamford was a highly intelli-



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IYER From a lecture by the expert on Javanese art given at the British Museum

rely on other people to collect information, he simply processed whatever other people hrought to him and used the information to create his own picture of Javanese life, a picture in which he made sure that his own role as a benevolent, sympathetic English friend and master would always be appareof.

There is no denying that Sir The myth of Raffles helped courtiers. Raffles needed to gent man, full of intellectual it is easy to see how guilelessly he can be romanticised. Raffles is credited with the

discovery of Javanese temples. Even today travel brochures advertising tours to Java will use catch phrases such as: "It is thanks to Sir Stamford Raffles and Unesco that the site of Borohudur has been saved for posterity." Before he arrived on the scene, so it seems, the temples went uncatered for, fully neglected by the people of Java who no longer practised the ancient rituals, having been converted to Islam.

When Sir Stamford found himself in Java, as he went for one of his strolls he found one of such marvels and he immediately ordered a team of people to begin clearing the area, drawing the temples, recording their existence and searching for more. In fact Raffles himself stated in his History of Joun that the Javanese did "continue to pay their devoirs" to the idols of the temples, thus making one wonder whether the temples had real-

ly been forgotten. As a collector, Raffles was elegiac aura to it.

curiosity, keen to know more not interested only in the about Java and its people, and ancient past of Java, which be tried to dissect in order to present a picture of the island that would impress favourably his contemporaries. He was also interested in the living artistic traditions, such as the wayang (shadow theatre), the topeng (dance drama) and also the gamelan (musical ensemble). His love for detail meant that every instrument of the gamelan was precisely drawn and described in his book. This contributed to the building of his reputation as ethnomusicologist nvant la lettre.

There is no doubt that even though Raffles himself did not have an easy time upon his return to England - he suffered considerable financial losses and died in 1826 at only 44 - his History of Java turned him. after his death, into a long-lasting myth and helped to create the fiction of British benign colonial rule.

Raffles erases the discomfort and guilt caused in postcolonial consciousness by the likes of Macauley, and thus British rule in the East can be remembered guiltlessly, with an

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Shifting people is no answer



TIM JUDAH

Some 2.5 million Balkan people were uprooted in the period 1912-23 by war and population exchange

ACCORDING TO the report from Kosovo "whole villages are reduced to ashes, unarmed and innocent populations massacred en masse" and "incredible acts of violence, pillage and brutality" have been committed. Yesterday's Nato briefing? It could have been, but in fact these words were written just after the Balkan wars of 1912 and 1913.

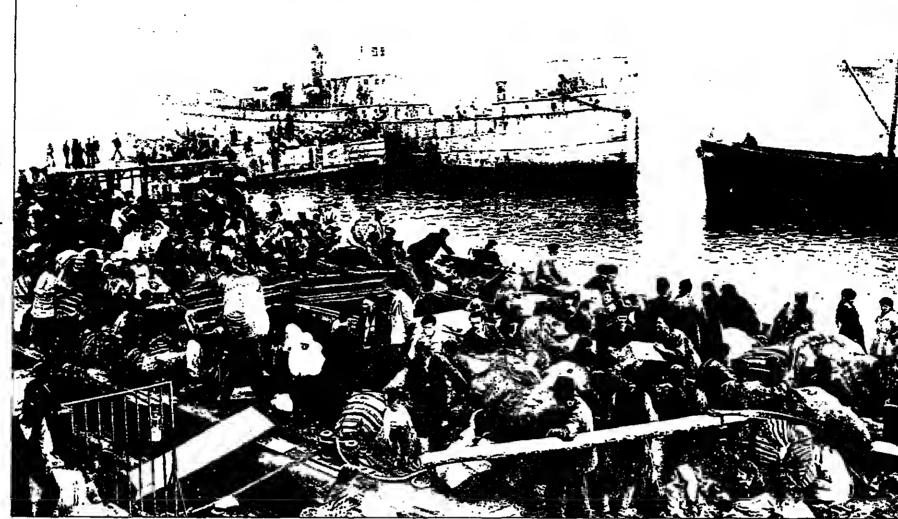
In the spirit of contemporary "peace studies" the American Carnegie Endowment for International Peace sent various luminaries to the Balkans at the time to report on the situation there. The idea was, that by making people aware of the horrors of war men could be persuaded to avoid repeating their mistakes.

In the wake of the expulsion or flight of bundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo over the last two weeks it is quite chilling to re-read the Carnegie Endowment report and its conclusions. The "Serbo-Montenegrin" soldiery it said were employing brutal methods "with a view to the entire transformation of the ethnic character of regions inhabited exclusively by Albanians".

During the first Balkan war of 1912, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece and Bulgaria united to drive out the remnants of the Ottoman Empire in Europe, During the second Balkan war, in 1913, they fought amongst themselves over the spoils. The two wars provoked massive population unbeavals. Rather like today, the armies found that people often did hot wait to be expelled or as we say ow, ethnically cleansed. According to the Carnegie report people just knew from "tradition, instinct and

experience" what to do. It added that, generally speaking, an enemy army only had to set one village on fire for others to flee. "The population, warned by the glow from these fires, fled all in haste".

The Carnegie Endowment's phrase "instinct and experience" was apt. Serbs, Albanians and Muslims had all fled in one direction or another during various spasms of conflict during the 19th century. Some two million fled in the wake of the Serbian-Turkish wars of 1876-8, including Albanians from Serbia and Serbs from Ottoman-controlled Kosovo. Turks and Muslims were also emigrating from Greece.



At Smyrna (now Izmir) in 1922, ethnic Greeks fice the triumphant Turkish forces under Ataturk

In the wake of the Balkan Wars and the post-war conflict between Greece and Turkey came the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne, Today we would be outraged by it, calling it legalised ethnic cleansing. What the agreements did was to uproot ancient settlements of Greeks in Anatolia and exchange them for Turks and Muslims from Greece. Bulgaria too made formal arrangements with Greece and Turkey to exchange their minority populations.

By one estimation, some two and half million people in the Balkans were shifted from their homes during the period 1912-23 thanks to wars and population exchanges. Between 1924 and 1933 100,000 people, mostly ethnic Turks, also emigrated to Turkey, mainly from igoslav Macedonia

In February 1938, at a conference in Istanbul, Turkey, Romania and Yugoslavia met to discuss ways of encouraging emigration to Turkey. The Turkish Government wanted Muslim settlers for its empty regions and to repopulate those areas which Greeks had left. The Balkan states were happy to encourage the emigration of their non-Christian populations.

Of course these forced migrations followed an impeccable logic. As Dimitrije Djordjevic of the University of California wrote only 10 years ago for "Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey the population exchanges of the earlier part of the century, "although a curse for contemporary generations" have proved to be "a blessing in the long run of history."

Djordjevic argues that this was because it had transformed these states into "predominantly nationally homogenous states. It stabilised their frontiers along which refugees were mainly settled." In an era in which human rights

are, rightly, supposed to outweigh those of "my country right or wrong" it is important to understand that the main protagonists in the wars of former Yugoslavia have never wavered in their belief that population exchanges or ethnic cleansing are the only way to ensure the long term stability of their countries.

In July 1991 just as the war in Croatia was beginning Mario Nobilo. then an advisor to Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, drew me a map of bow Serbs, Muslims and Croats would be "exchanged" across the former Yugoslavia. especially in Bosnia. After all, he said, there was a perfect precedent for this, which was the Treaty of Lausanne. He suggested that this model should be followed in Yugoslavia, although the exchanges should be "voluntary".

As we know the "exchanges" that subsequently did take place were far from voluntary, but Croatia has indeed solved its Serbian Question, It used to have a 12 per cent Serb minority - now it has none. tn August 1995 Croatia, with western connivance, steamrollered the former Serb-held areas of Croatia, Today Serbia is home to up to 600,000 Serbian refugees from both Croatia and Bosnia.

Having seemingly decided to risk all in confrontation with the West, Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav President, appears to have duly opted to "finish the joh" that his predecessors failed to do during the Balkan wars. That is to say that his aim appears to be to cleanse Kosovo and repopulate it with his Bosnian and Croatian refugees.

To a certain extent the West is complicit in letting Milosevic think he can get away this. The first reason for this is that we gave no tangible support to the Kosovo Albanians, who for so long, while other ex-Yugoslavs readily took up the gun, eschewed violence and opted for passive resistance. The second reason is that we did nothing either when the Krajina Serbs were cleansed.

Indeed by not taking up the case of the Krajina Serbs we fell into the logic of ethnic cleansing in that, without saying so, we tacitly agreed that since Croatia had solved her Serbian problem then, ergo, that was the end of the matter, and what a relief that was too.

The problem was, and is, that the danger of applying the logic of the 1920s today leads us to a clear but flawed moral choice. Either we must accept that ethnic cleansing can lead to stability for future generations or we can try and make a stand against it if we believe in human rights and, besides, want to halt a destructive process now, be-

fore it spreads. That ethnic cleansing loday can no longer lead to stability is amply demonstrated by the fact that our failure to act over the Krajina refugees means that many Serbs today helieve that because of this they should, à la Tudjman, solve their own ethnic problem by battening down the hatches. That means enduring Nato's bombing now only to re-emerge from the shelters to find that they bave rid Kosovo of its Albanians - and their

problem. The argument then runs that all Balkan states, or at least the former Yugoslav states and Albania, should meet to redraw their borders - a part of Kosovo could be hived off to Greater Albania while Serbia could compensate itself with the Serb half of Bosnia.

It may come to this, but it will not lead to peace. Not only would it more than likely lead to a return to war in Bosnia - as the Muslims would again be asked pay the price - but those Albanians who had been driven from their bomes in what was oow Serbian Kosovo would doubtless fight on.

Another example of the way that unreversed ethnic cleansing or population exchanges can lead to tension and possible conflict is the Turkish Cypriot offer to take in 5,000 ethnic Albanian refugees. A generous offer? Yes, until you realise that the ulterior motive of the Turkish Cypriot offer is to bolster its own population and bouse these people in areas from which Greeks have fled. It is hardly surprising then that the Greek Cypriots have reacted with fury to such a suggestion.

In the long run, the evil of partition and ethnic cleansing may triumpb, and therefore spread elsewhere, but I suspect that if Nato grits its teeth and faces the inevitable - ground troops and a protectorate for Kosovo - then this may yet be avoided.

If Nato does nothing then Milosevic's solution may triumph. If Nato establishes a protectorate and a genuine one which would avoid revenge and the persecution of the Kosovo Serbs - then maybe the West will show that it has found the courage of its convictions and is also prepared to act in the spirit of enlightened self-interest too.

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RIGHT OF REPLY

JANET BUSH



The director of New Europe responds to Diane Coyle's attack on the anti-euro lobby

DIANE COYLE argued last Thursday that defenders of the pound "clothe their gut anti-Europeanism and Little Englandism in the language of rational economic argument" while in fact wanting to withdraw from the EU altogether.

New Europe was set up precisely to counter such prejudice. Nobody who knows Jim Prior, Dennis Healey or David Owen and their contributions to British political life can doubt their commitment to Europe.

How can a charge of Little Englandism be thrown at Ewen Fergusson, a former ambassador to Paris, or indeed at John Sainsbury who served as Joint Honorary Treasurer of the European Movement?

Too much of this debate is tainted by the passion on both sides and, on occasion, the facts suffer. Diane Coyle stated that New Europe is financed by Rupert Murdoch, I am sure that Mr Murdoch was as surprised to hear that he had been parted from his money as we were. It simply isn't the case.

We have been inundated by people of every political persuasion, delighted al last to find a group that is pro-European but shares their legitimate concerns about the euro. Opposition to the euro is not the preserve of the "nutty

If there is one thing that I would like to achieve as director it is to convince people at home in the centre and centre left of politics to be open about their doubts. It is not politically incorrect. You can be New Labour to the core but still disagree with Tony Blair on the single currency.

Far from sniping at New Europe, its arrival should be welcomed as a hulwark against those shrill voices that want a No vote in the euro referendum to be a vote to leave the European Union.

His time was short, his vision long

Asquith cuttingly remarked: "We are burying the unknown Prime Minister." Law was Prime Minister for just seven months - the shortest tenure of any modern holder of the office. Yet he was not Prime Minister by accident. He had been a highly successful leader of the Tory party for 10 years and Deputy Prime Minister for five; and it was not political defeat which cut him short, but cancer. He was a leading figure in the tumultuous Great War, who played the central role in pulling down the last two Liberal prime ministers before in pulling down the last two Liberal prime ministers before taking the office – reluctantly – himself. For all that he held the job months, he was a considerably more substantial figure than John Marketter and the substantial figure the substantial figure than John Marketter and the substantial fi substantial figure than John Major, who held it for seven years



TUESDAY BOOK

BONAR LAW BY R J Q ADAMS, JOHN MURRAY, £25

It is a major gap that there has been no new biography of Law since Robert Blake'a in 1956, especially in view of the quantity of source material now available. There can be no period of political history so rich in written evidence. It was a period of huge partysplitting controversies conducted by a small class who mixed across party lines and wrote voluminously to one another. We know almost too much about this cast of characters, and their movements and machinations.

TUESDAY POEM

VIGILANCE BY MATTHEW CALEY

Wild Bill Hickock the back of his head to an open doorway -

Spring, progress, Prohibition, the dustbowl's sway, love or fear. the Wild West's first car -

all could enter the aperture. Whilst the slightest click

or breeze upon his nape-fur might mean endless light inside his head forever

From Matthew Caley's new collection, 'Thirst', published at £7.99 by Slow Dancer Press

The story of the replacement of Asquith by Lloyd George in December 1916 has been told so often by biographers that one more turn round the course inevitably has a sense of deja vu. Yet it remains endlessly absorbing, as do the showdown over the peers' veto, the posturing brinkmanship over Ulster, the downfall of Lloyd George and the other dramas of these years. Professor Adams rehearses

them all authoritatively and well.

What is striking is how topical these issues still are. We are still arguing about how to complete the reform of the House of Lords, begun m 1911. We are still trying to satisfy the irreconcilable loyalties of Unionists and nationalists in the north of Ireland. We are still trying to avoid unwinnable wars in the Balkans and the Middle East. Nothing could be more relevant today than Bonar Law's warning. when the Lloyd George government was threatening war against Turkey in October 1922, that, "We cannot act as the policeman of the world".

Law was a curiously modern figure in another way. He was the first of a new meritocratic breed of Tory leader. A Glaswegian-Canadian iron merchant who had not been to university and boasted no cultural pretensions beyond a love of bridge, he represented a startling contrast with his aristocratic predecessors, Salisbury and Balfour. He drew the snobbish condescension of Balliol men such as Asquith, who called him a "gilded tradesman". But he set the tone for his two successors, Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain. Churchill reclaimed the Lloyd George's bouncy Tigger, much

party for the toffs, followed by Eden. Macmillan and Home. But Ted Heath suffered exactly the same sort of snobbery in opening the way for Mrs Thatcher, Major and William Hague.

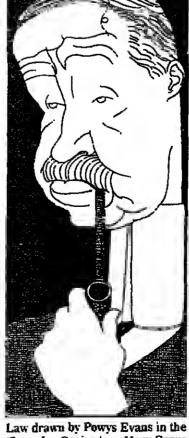
Fascinated as we have become by Tory leadership elections, the story of Law's emergence as compromise candidate between Austen Chamberlain and Walter Long in 1911 intriguingly anticipates the contests of 1975. 1990 and 1997. The Tories always choose the unlikeliest candidate. But whether - as Adams' jacket suggests

- the story of Law's success in leading the party nut of the wilderness holds out much encouragement for Hague, is doubtful. The Liberals' massive majority of 1906 had already been eroded by 1910, and Law faced a government uncomfortably dependent on the Irish, losing momentum well before 1914. But for the First World War, Law would surely have become Prime Minister in 1915. It is difficult to say the same of Hague in 2001.

The only disappointment of this book is that it tells so little about Law's early life - the most interesting part of most biographies. Born in Canada but brought up by relatives in Glasgow from the age of seven tor possibly 12). he joined his adoptive family's firm at 16. became a successful trader in the Glasgow fron Ring, joined a parliamentary debating society, married and fathered six children, and was elected for a Glasgow seat in 1900 at

the age of 42 All this takes fewer than 20 pages. Thereafter, the private man largely disappears, except for assurances that he was a devoted husband (widowed at 51) and father, devastated by the loss of two sons in the war. Perhaps there is nothing more to say.

Law was a notoriously unsociable workahnlic Yet he is an oddly endearing character, a wonderfully gloomy Fevore, the perfect foil to



'Saturday Review' Mary Evans

as Attlee was to Churchill in the next war. One would love to know more of the chemistry of this relationship. That apart, however, Professor Adams's book is a model of lucid and authoritative political biography. JOHN CAMPBELL

The reviewer's life of Edward Heath was published in 1993; he is writing a biography of Margaret Thatcher

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Professor Tom Patten

TIME AND chance determine our lives. Tom Patten happened to be a talented highly practical can-do and up-and-coming senior lecturer in mechanical sciences at Edinburgh University when it transpired in the early 1960s that the first traces of gas (not oil) were being identified in the North Sea.

I was a member of a Commons Committee stage of an obscure hill on North Sea Gas installations in 1963 when I had a phone call from Patten, whom I did not know at that time. "I must see you. I will be out at your house this afternoon." That was his style. It was clear from our first meeting that he had identified the huge potential importance of what was happening in the North Sea - and indeed he was the first Scot not from an oil company who took the trouble to go to Houston, Texas, and other world centres of the oil industry.

Destiny had called. For the next

three decades, Patten was to be one of the givotal figures in the North Sea gas and oil industry. In addition to unquestioned engineering expertise, he had a hlunt charm and shrewd judgement of people which allowed him to bestride both the academic and the business world. Unlike many academics who go into business, he maintained a serious interest in his subject of heat transfer science until the end of his life. Professor Ewan Brown, the merchant banker and executive director of Noble Grossart, says that Patten was not only welcome on boards for his technical knowledge hut that his contribution was much broader than technical expertise and hrought wisdom to boardrooms such as that of Pict Petroleum, to which he hrought a most valuable nonexecutive continuity.

Tom Patten was born the youngest of the three children of William Patten, of Ford, Northumberland, who had risen from a Post Office telegraph boy through his own efforts to become the manager of the Prudential Insurance Company for the Scottish region. His mother was of the Hall family who had been farm labourers in Northumberland for

at Leith Academy under rigorous old-fashioned Scottish dominies for which he was always grateful, he went to Edinburgh University.

The Public Orator in giving the encomium for Patten's honorary degree as Doctor of Science in 1962 said dryly that the record showed that he had missed only two lectures in all his student degree course - one on hydraulics and the other on the theory of machines on 28 July 1944. Patten told me later in life that he and his contemporaries had worked so assiduously because they realised that others of their peer group were at the front risking their lives and it behoved them to work extremely hard for their country.

On leaving university he was commissioned into REME and post-

generations. Thanks to an education frastructure and the vain attempt to shore up the Greek king against socialists and Communists.

In 1948 he was hrought back to Edinhurgh University by Professor Ronald Arnold, the famous Regius Professor of Engineering whose students won more than 20 professorial chairs. Patten enjoyed a promotion rate not much slower than that he had achieved in the Army by becoming a captain, and became acting head of department hefore the age of 40. He was also given the responsibility important in those days. of running the university's OTC (Officer Training Corps).

The Public Orator wryly remarked, "However quick he may have been at getting degrees and military promotion, he was rather slow at learning the age at which

professors should give up playing

football." (Patten was an able all-

round athlete and, as I know to my

supremely happy marriage with Jacqueline Wright, who came from the McLachlan family, shipfitters on the Cart river at Paisley who gave

their name to the McLachlan davit,

the machinery by which lifeboats are

In 1968 the opportunity arose -

through the offices of Lord Balerno

-for a professorship at Edinburgh's

then new Heriot-Watt University,

formerly Heriot-Watt College, the

justifiably proud technical college of

Edinburgh, Tom Johnston, later to

be distinguished Vice-Chancellor of

Heriot-Watt and then Professor of

Economics at the university told me

that the decision of the university

chiefs was that Tom Patten should

be entrusted with taking forward the

ejected from ships in distress.

In 1950 he emharked on a

cost, a class squash player.)

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ed to Palestine. In 1963 when Patten came to one of the Labour Party's two-way trafficking ideas on science policy as an invited guest - I never imagined he was a Labour voter - I introduced him to Richard Crossman, then shadow Secretary of State for Education and Science. He said, "Mr Crossman, you and I have met before!" It transpired that as a young officer in Palestine he had been questioned by the Anglo-American Fact-Finding Mission set up by President Truman and Clement Attlee of which Crossman was a member.

That evening Patten explained how harrowing it had heen for British servicemen in 1947, never knowing from what direction they would be attacked either by Arabs or by Irgund Zwei Leumi. It was the most uncomfortable period of his life. He was greatly relieved to be posted to the British Military Mission in Greece to help re-establish their inoil development and that he "carried the torch on hehalf of Heriot-Watt University for interests in the developments of the North Sea". Heriot-Watt, along with University College London, emerged as the two universities in Britain to have made a serious speciality in North Sea studies.

Professor Jack Rorke recalls that Heriot-Watt was given its hreakthrough when Brown Brothers gave the university the contract for working out means hy which their Staflo low-platform semi-submersible could he held nn location. They could not do the computer studies themselves. Heriot-Watt seized their chance and Patten became in 1972 the Director of the Institute of Off-Shore Engineering at Heriot-Watt.

As Vice-Principal, 1978-80, he became the Acting Principal on the unexpected death of George Burnett. He took nn a poisnned chalice hecause it was the time when university funds were being cut. Patten won great praise for guiding Heriot Watt through the financial traumas of the early 1980s at a time when the university was relocating to its new site to the west of Edinhurgh at Riccarton.

Patten had a change of direction and hecame involved with a mosaic of companies involved in the North Sea - Pict Petroleum, Melville Street Investments, New Darien Oil Trust, Seaboard Lloyd, Sealand Industries, Edinburgh Petroleum Services - and, from 1987 to 1991, he chaired the Co-ordinating Committee on Marine Science and Technology; the predecessor of which he had been a member of in the 1960s. hrought in by Dickson Mabon, then Minister of State at the Scottish Office responsible for the North Sea. From the 1950s, he gave much time too to the Military Education Committee of the Ministry of Defence, particularly on the security of oil-rigs.

Nothing gave him greater pleasure than that he should he the first professor domiciled in Scotland to become President of the Institute of Mechanical Engineering, from 1991 to 1992. Unfortunately his time in office coincided with the immensely



Patten: doyen of North Sea studies at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

complicated, seemingly endless and transfer science. Patten, with a fessor and Head of the Department finally fruitless negotiations to unite the Mechanicals, the Electricals and the Civils, when it was hoped that they would effect a merger. I say domiciled in Scotland because Watt and Stephenson and other distinguished Scots based in England were among his distinguished

A lifelong interest was relations with Eastern Europe and he was the standing chairman of a conference which regularly met at Vilnius in Lithuania on the problems of heat 60, Senior Lecturer 1960-67; Pro-

chuckle (and he did chuckle), contrasted his close relations with Communist Europe with his position as a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Engineers and Freeman of the City of London.

Tom Patten, marine scientist: born Ford, Northumberland 1 January 1926; Assistant Lecturer, Department of Engineering, Edinburgh University 1950-52, Lecturer 1952-

of Mechanical Engineering, Heriot-Watt University 1967-82 (Emeritus), Director, Institute of Offshore Engineering 1972-79, Vice-Principal 1978-80, Acting Principal 1980-81; FRSE 1967; CBE 1981; President, Society for Underwater Technology 1985-87; President, Engineering Committee on Oceanic Resources 1987-90: President, Institute of Mechanical Engineering 1991-92: married 1950 Jacqueline Wright (one son, two daughters); died Edinburgh 10 April 1999.

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Lutyens: world expert on Krishnamurti

Mary Lutyens

MARY LUTYENS, who became the acknowledged world expert and writer on the Indian spiritual philosopher Krishnamurti, was mother, Lady Emily Lutyens. became a theosophist.

In 1911 Annie Besant, president of the Theosophical Society which based its teaching on Hindu ideas and philosophy, hrought Krishna-murti, a hrahmin child named after the Hindu divinity, and his hrother Nitya, to England. Lady Emily took the two boys "under her wing" and the young Mary grew up knowing

Although in later life she was not a strict theosophist, she was interested in psychic matters and remained dedicated to Krishnamurti, writing several books about him, including Krishnamurti, a threevolume hiography (1975-88), and The Life and Death of Krishnamurti (1990). Her determination to preserve Krishnamurti's good name extended to her writing a secret rehuttal of an Indian woman's derogatory account of his life.

Lutyens remembered Annie Besant as being the only person in her life for whom she felt any hero worship, and from her childhood encounters with thensuphy she gained a respect for the beliefs of

throughout her life. She was born in London in 1908.

the youngest child of the architect only two years old when her Sir Edwin Lutyens and his wife Emily, the daughter of Edward Robert Lytton, Viceroy of India and first Earl of Lytton. At an early age Mary appreciated her vivid imagination and was never bored with her own company. She was naturally secretive, her motto aged 10 was "Know all but he known of none", and she later wrote in her autobiography To Be Young (1959) that she aimed to cultivate a deliberate hardness. This was not however apparent when she fell in love with Krishnamurti's hrother Nitya and was much

hurt when he seemed to ignore her. Taking her younger children, including Mary, with her, Emily Lutyens travelled to both India and Australia many times with Krishnamurti, who was proclaimed in 1925 by Besant to be "the coming Messiah". Edwin Lutyens was not a theosophist hut was in India every winter watching his city. New Delhi, being built. Mary Lutyens recalled being proud of her father and his work, but she did not have a close relationship with him, although she looked very like him. He loved gaiety and so hated the idea of any si-

dining table, so that noughts and crosses could be played if the conversation became sticky.

In 1930 Mary Lutyens married Anthony Sewell. The marriage was unhappy from the start as she was in love with his hrother, who came with them on the honeymoon. The marriage was dissolved in 1945 and Sewell subsequently died. They had one daughter. In 1945 Lutvens married the art historian J.G. Links, whom she had met through her hrother Robert during the Second World War and to whom she remained very happily married. She looked on Links as her rescuer from what had been a rather rackety life and said, "He made me nice again." She objected to their first honeymoon spent on a troopship to New York and so they went on to Venice, a city about which they both

became passionate Throughout the 1930s and 1940s Mary Lutyens had written many novels, among which were Forthcoming Marriages (1933), Perchance to Dream (1935), Rose and Thorn (1936) and So Near to Heaven (1943). She went on to write many books, including Effie in Venice (1965), a collection of unpublished letters from Effie Ruskin written between 1849 lence at mealtimes that he designed and 1852, Lady Lytton's Court Diary

others which stayed with her a large round blackboard top for the (1961), Millais and the Ruskins ed people's grammar could be in-(1967), The Ruskins and the Grays (1972), The Luttons in India (1979) and a biography of her father, Edwin Lutyens (1980).

Under the pseudonym Esther Wyndham she wrote numerous serials, including Black Prince, a romance for Mills and Boon. (A romance she submitted recently was rejected for heing "too middleclass".) She was also an agony aunt and a contributor to the TLS, Apollo, Royalty Digest and the Cornhill. Her last book was a privately printed history of the Lyttons and the Lutyens families. Her first books were published by John Murray and she became a family friend of the Murrays, her later books also being published by them. She was very helpful not only during the Edwin Lutyens exhibition at the Hayward Gallery in London in 1985 but also during a recently made television programme on Lutyens in which she appears as a voiceover, having

refused to appear in person. Her research was meticulous; she listened to all Krishnamurti's lectures on tape and she had an original, rather lateral way of looking at things, seeing Ruskin and Effie's relationship differently from other writers. Althnugh her selfdiscipline and the way she correct-

timidating, she had a lively twinkle and was good company. She was insatiably curious about everything and was particularly intrigued about people's sex lives, asking very direct questions.

She and her husband Jo Links were very supportive of each other's work. She wrote everything in hed in pencil in an exercise book and he typed all her manuscripts, being the the practical one in the marriage and the only person who could read her handwriting. Together, until his death in 1997, they created a strong partnership and unit, and from this core they were known for their generosity to others. Mary had a particularly large circle of friends and was a great letter-writer; they had both led very social lives and had entertained many people at their house

She was famous for her dry martinis and her elegance and, although unmusical, danced alone to Cole Porter for exercise.

SARAH ANDERSON

Mary Lutyens, writer: born London 31 July 1908; married 1930 Anthony Sewell (one daughter; marriage dissolved 1945), 1945 J.G. Links (died 1997); died London 9 April 1999.

Admiral Sir William Pillar

largely according to whether the individual joined the Navy before, dur-

ing or after the Second World War. Lord Lewin fell - just - into the first group. William Pillar firmly into the second; the former had a great influence on the career of the latter. As one of the planners behind AFO 1/56 (the first Admiralty Fleet Order of 1956). Lewin was an architect of the new officer structure which perforce divided them all into "wet" and "dry" lists: would the executive officers exercise command at sea again or however distinguished or promising, would the rest of their service be ashore? The seaman hranch saw several deserving careers curtailed. The old specialist branches - Supply, Engineering, Electrical, for example -

saw unexpected career prospects.

NAVAL CAREERS class themselves open to the right men. The emphasis shifted from the branch to the service as a whole. Sir Peter White, the Chief Naval Supply and Secretariat Officer, was the first specialist to reach the Admiralty Board. Pillar was not far behind him. His career prospered because, like Terry Lewin, he liked his people in the old naval sense, and they returned his confidence; he was one of those Williams who are inevitably Bill. knighted or not. He was a classic example of the naval officer who was almost incidentally an engineer.

Pillar was born in 1924 and joined the Navy as a Cadet (E) in 1942. He qualified at the Naval Engineering Colleges at Keyham, Devonport, and Manadon, Plymouth, winning the King's Sword when he passed out. He did his sea time as a midshipman, and then as a junior Now all shore appointments were engine-room watch-keeper (1946- Officer in the cruiser Tiger, his last then Assistant Chief of Fleet Sup-

Home Fleet trials and training carrier. Two years back at Manadon (Thunderer) on the staff and two more as Engineer Officer of Alert, the yacht turned despatch vessel of the Commander-in-Chief Far East during the Korean War, prefaced a three-year stint in the Dockyard at Gibraltar.

He was there when AFO 1/56 was published, went back to sea as Engineer in the Battle Class destroyer Corunna and in 1958 was promoted Commander and appointed to Lochinvar, the minesweeping base on the Forth. Shore service at Simonstown (1962-64) as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic was followed by a memorably agreeable flag-showing cruise around South America as Marine Engineer

48) in the old Illustrious, by then the sea time. His last joh as a Commander was a classic promotion appointment - on the staff of the Director of Officers' Appointments in the MOD.

Sure enough, promotion to Captain came in 1966, and his four appointments in that rank all pointed onwards and upwards. He did the 1967 Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich, still safe in naval hands, and was then the Controller's representative in Scotland and Northern Ireland. In 1970, a year at the Imperial Defence College (IDC) followed and he went on to be Assistant to the Director-General, Ships before returning to Thunderer, this time in command (1973-75),

It was now that his prowess benefited from the 1956 reforms. Promoted Rear Admiral in 1976, he became Port Admiral, Rosyth, and

and appointed Fourth Sea Lord on a strong Board under Sir Henry Leach, with John Fieldhouse as Controller. And in 1980 he was appointed KCB and promoted Admiral on appointment in 1982 as Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies (formerly the IDC). He retired, now GBE, in 1984.

And then, to crown that career, there were five delightful and splendid if less onerous years as Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Jersey. He was the first engineer officer to hold that post, just as he had been the first to sit at the Board in 1979 and to superintend the IDC in 1982.

He encouraged generations of his old specialisatinn to helieve and remember that they were essentially naval officers who had specialised

port. In 1979 he was promoted Vice- and not the other way round. It Admiral and Chief of Naval Support, sounds so obvious today: 40 years ago it was far from it to many, and heresy to some. He was modest about his success, for he showed no side to anyone he met. As Captain of Thunderer, he knew the name and the face of each of his juniors; there was never a trace of "You, there."

> He was as keen on sailing as any naval officer, Commodore of the Royal Naval Sailing Association from 1980, a member of the Royal Yacht Pillar: no trace of 'You, there' Squadron and an energetic supporter of the training ship Royalist. His health had failed lately and he

had to resort to a wheelchair But he remained essentially the old Bill Pillar, and delighted in the presentation earlier this year of his portrait by Theo Ramos to the wardroom of

A. B. SAINSBURY March 1999.



William Thomas Pillar, naval officer: born 24 February 1924; KCB 1980; Commandant, Royal College of Defence Studies 1982-83, GBE 1983: Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief Jersey 1985-90; married 1946 Ursula Ransley (three sons. one daughter); died 18

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Oswaldo Guayasamín

OSWALDO GUAYASAMIN was Ecuador's most celebrated and prolific artist, acclaimed by many critics as among the greatest painters and sculptors to have come out of Latin America this century. A close and admiring friend of President Fidel Castro of Cuba, he held robust left-wing views, and had no time for what he regarded as the Western notion that artistic creation is a personal thing. But even Ecuadoreans who found his political beliefs abhorrent had come by the end of his life to regard Guayasamin as a national treasure.

He saw himself as a witness to and interpeter of the centuries-old anguisb of the native peoples of the Americas. and of the "cruel, violent and dehumanised reality" that he saw all around him. The aim of his work, he said, was "to wound, to bite deep, to strike at the beart, to show what man is capable of doing to man".

To that end, be pioneered a style known as "indigenist expressionism", which depicted oppression and suffering in searingly uncompromising terms. I paint the times that it has been my lot to live through; the wars, privations and suffering of the unjustly forgotten." he said just before bis death.

Guayasamin had a vast output, completing about 7,000 works. But he left infinished what he regarded as his masterpiece: La Capilla del Hombre ("The Chapel of Man"), a large, square brick building with a copper dome, which he began to construct next to his house in Quito, the mountain capital of Ecuador, in the late 1970s. He was still working on this project until just before his death, and had hoped to complete it in time for the new millennium.

The chapel is dedicated to "man in the Americas", whose story is told in a series of murals inside the building. The story is not a happy one: the agonised expressions and contorted limbs of his subjects reflect the dispossession and destruction of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, first by the Spanish conquerors and later by "American imperialism". Guayasamin regarded the United States as the main enemy of Latin America - though, ironically, Nelson Rockefeller was one of his earliest admirers and patrons, inviting him to visit the US in 1943, when be was 24.

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peacefully on 8 April 1999, under the loving care of Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford, following a very loog and courageous fight ogainst cancer. Much loved by

very loog and courageous ignity against cancer. Much loved by his family, wife Annette, children Sophie, Luke and William, parents Anr and Oliver, sister and brother, Jacqueline and Peter, and many friends and colleagues. Funeral at St John's Church, Carterton, Oxfordshire, 2pm, Wednesday 14 April. Family flowers only, donations to the Julian Powell Memorial Fund in aid of the King's School, Witney.

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The aim of Guayasamin's work was 'to wound, to strike at the heart

Guayasamin also painted hundreds of portraits, including Fidel Castro tthree times), King Juan Carlos of Spain and Princess Caroline of Monaco. But his vast, panoramic murals will probably be his best-remembered works. One of the most striking is in the debating chamber of the Ecuadorean congress building in Quito. It caused a diolomatic incident when it was unveiled in 1988: the US representative took ex- America. His style was heavily influ-

BIRTHDAYS

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Mr Stepheo Byers MP, Secre-tary of State for Trade and Industry, 46; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 86;

Mr Frank Chamberlain, for-mer chairman, Test and County

Cricket Board, 74; The Hon Alan Clark MP,71; The Right

Bishop of Colchester, 84; Mr Liam Cosgrave, former leader of the Fine Gael party, 79; Lord

Davidson, a former Senator of

the College of Justice in Scot-

land, 70; Mr Peter Davison, actor, 48; Mr Stanley Donen, film director and producer, 75;

Mr Edward Fox, actor, 62: Pro-

Seamus Heaney, poet, 60; Sir Peter Heap, former ambas-sador to Brazil, 64; Mr Garry

Kasparov, chess player, 36; Mr Howard Keel, singer and actor, 80; Mr Jnnin O'Neill, raceborse trainer, 47; Dame Margaret

Price. operatic singer, 58; Sir Stephen Roberts, former chair-

man, Milk Marketing Board, 84;

Miss Barbara Roche MP, Par-

liamentary Under Secretary. Trade and Industry, 45; Mr Juhn Swinney MP, 35; Lord

Wedderburn of Chariton, Pro-

fessor Emeritus of Commercial

Law, London School of Econorics, 72; Miss Eudnra Welty, novelist, 90; Sir John Weston,

Representative to Nato, 61;

ambassador and UK Permanent

Lt-Gen Sir James Wilson, for-

ception to a grinning skull wearing a Nazi helmet emblazoned with the letters and died. "CLA" and walked out.

He divided up his output into three sequences or periods. The first, which he entitled Huacayolan (the Way of Sorrows in Quechua, the language of Ecuador's highland Indians, was begun in 1948, after Guavasamin had spent more than a year travelling all over Latin

enced by the Mexican muralists, particularly José Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro Siqueiros, wbom he had met in Mexico a few years earlier.

The second sequence, the Age of Wrath, which began in 1963, consists of 250 pictures dealing with the universal themes of war and inhumanity. The last, the Age of Tenderness, is more hopeful. depicting co-operation between peoples to build a better world.

Guayasamin was born in the poor La Tola district of Quito, the oldest of 10 children of an Indian father and mestiza mother who died young. His father, a carpenter who had to take up driving taxis and trucks to make ends meet, always opposed his son's determination to become a painter. With help from bis mother, Oswaldo was able to get into the School of Fine Arts in Quito in 1932, finally graduating in painting and sculpture in 1941, and held his first individual exhibition in Quito the following year.

He first achieved international recognition in 1956 when he won the first prize in a competition for more than 30,000 artists from all over Latin America, Spain and Portugal. He used the prize money to travel to France, in the hope of seeing Picasso in Cannes. But Picasso refused to see him. Guavasamin told an interviewer shortly before his death that he bore Picasso a grudge for years after that, but had come to see that he was right not to allow importunate visitors to disturb his work.

In 1976 he set up the Guavasamin Foundation in Quito and donated to it his valuable collection of pre-Columbian and colonial art, as well as more than 250 of his own works. In 1994 Oswaldo Guayasanun was awarded a prize by Unesco in recognition of his work in defence of peace and human rights.

His eyesight began to fail in recent years, and he was in Baltimore for treatment when he suffered a beart attack

COLIN HARDING

Oswaldo Aparicio Guayasomin Calero, nrtist: born Quito 6 July 1919; married 1939 Marujn Monteverdi theo sons, two doughters), 1957 Luce Deperon three daughters), third Helene Faure: dled Bultimore. Mory-



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PHILOSOPHICAL NOTES

MARTIN COHEN

He who 'puts his hands over his ears'

SURPRISINGLY LARGE numbers of people seem able to proclaim, counsel, insist on, various forms of lofty indifference to the refugee situation in Albania. But then, others are able, not merely to turn their backs on such a spectacle, but, on the contrary, to revel in it. It is the many, the "ordinary" people, who are there watching and celebrating as the militias carry out their grim ritual of "cleansing" the towns and villages.

Amongst the ranks of the cheering crowds, alongside the ignorant, the easily led and the uneducated, you will find the intellectuals. Academic philosophers were midwives at the rebirth of Serbian nationalism and eager supporters of the Bosnian war. It is now the detailed strategies of the late Professor Cubrilovic of Belgrade University: of "brute force" and deniable atrocity; that are the hidden hand guiding

the destruction.

For, although it is true you will never find a philosopber with their hands stained with blood, you will find many on the sidelines puffing vigorously with the bellows of philosophical theory at the flames, decrying other people's notions of pity and compassion in favour of some abstraction or other. So It is now with the philosophers of Serbia. So it was with the early Fascists, reared not just on promises of power and position, but also on Giovanni

Gentile's "neo-Hegelian" metaphysical notions of "identity". Take Nietzsche, for exam-

ple. Amongst philosophers, Nietzsche is celebrated for ridiculing the notion of "the good", seeing in it common cause made with "everything weak sick ill-constituted suffering from itself, all that which ought to perish" - the "law of selection" crossed. Nietzsche's intention, declaring himself the "first immoralist", was to "revalue" all values, starting with the unmasking of Christianity and literally making "good" "bad". His task, although never completed, offered a picture the Superman, or "Ubermensch", who "transcends" history: Untrammelled by notions of "justice" or "pity", he is bound by no law other than that of his own desire.

So, in the radio programme The Moral Maze the other week, the hired sophists harangued their audience with arguments purporting to prove that any distinction between "good" and "evil" was at most subjective and unreliable, and, at worst, plain nonsense,

But let us accept, for a moment, that some people are evil, or at least do evil things. Then, either people are inberently evil, or they are basically good but something in the world is corrupting them. Mencius, the idealistic Confucian philosopher, beld the latter view, as did Plato, who therefore made education the keystone of his philosophy.

Saintly experts, such as Augustine, saw human life as essentially a rather unpleasant sort of moral trial. with the unpleasantness a necessary part of achieving saintliness. Augustine even believed, rather negatively for modern taste, that mankind was a "mass of corruption and sin proceeding inevitably towards death". And. to make matters worse, when we reach our inevitable destination, most of us are predestined to rot in hell rather

than go to heaven.

At least, for the French romaptics, in the untutored beart of "thomme sourage" is already the central humanising characteristic pity. and concern for others. It is there because it is there in the animals too. Rousseau notes that horses avoid trampling living creatures for similar reasons, and that no animal ever passes "the corpse of a creature of its own species without distress". Rousseau tells us that. even if it were true that pity is "no more than a feeling that puts us in the place of the sufferer7, it is still the natural sentiment that ultimately allows the preservation of

the species. It is only the philosopher, who "puts his hands over bis ears and argues a little with himself" whilst another is murdered outside their window.

Martin Cohen is the editor of 'The Philosopher'

GAZETTE

mer chief executive, Tobacco Advisory Council, 78.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, statesman. 1593; Thomas Jefferson, third US president, 1743; Joseph Bramah, locksmith and invencomposer, 1810: Josephine Elizabeth Butler (nee Grey), social reformer, 1828; Frank Winfield Woolworth, chain-store pioneer, 1852; Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, wartime chief of Bomber Command, 1892: John Gerard Braine, novelist, 1922.

Deaths: Boris Feodorovich Godunov, Russian Tsar. 1605: Jean de La Fontaine, poel and writer of fables, 1695; Sir William Quiller Orchardson, painter, 1910: James Buchanan Brady ("Diamond Jim"), icier, 1917; Hugh Cecil Lowther, fifth Earl of Lonsdale. sportsman, 1944.

On this day: the Edict of Nantes, giving Huguenots equal rights with Catholics, was issued by Henry IV of France, 1598; the Royal Military Acade my was established at Woolwich, 1741; *The Messiah* by George Frederick Handel, was first performed, Dublin, 1742: the Catholic Emancipation Act was passed in Britain, 1829, the Amritsar Massacre occurred after British soldiers fired on Nationalist rioters in India, 1919.

Today is the Feast Day of Saints Agathonice, Carpus, and Papylus, St Guinoelt, St Hermenegild, St Martin I, pope and SI Martius or Mars.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Rebecca Van Gogh in the South of France", Ipni. David Huckvale, "Fre-Raphaetile Musical Instruments and Paintings", 2pm. Tale Gallery: Richard Humphreys, "Masks and Masques in British Art 1550-1650", 1pm. British Museum: Carolyn Perry, "Decorative Islamic Penboxes", 11.30am. National Portrait Gallery: Jonathan Stephenson, "How Dearest Heart Watched Mr

Lilly: the portrait painting techniques of Sir Peter Lely (1618-80)7, 1.10pm. Gresbam College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Professor Gerald Wakefield. The Internet and Electronic Commerce: electronic banking".

DINNERS

Institute of Physics Professor Sir Gareth Roberts. Physics, presided at a dinner for representatives of the instilute's Corporate Affiliate com-panies, held yesterday at the Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, Dr Herman Hauser of Amadeus Capital Partners was the speaker.

CREATIVITY

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Princess Royal, Patron, World Cooks' Tour for Hunger, attends a lunch at the Glasgow Hilton: as President, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, attends the Annual Conference of Association of Inner Wheel Clobs in Great Britain and Ire land. Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, and atlends the East Ayrshire Carers Centre Information Day, Kilmarmock, and as President, Save the Children Fund, attends a reception to launch Corporate Fundraising in Scotland at the City Chambers, Glasgow The Huchess of Gloucester, Patron. SeeAbility, opens Barclay House residential housing for visual impaired young adults). Scaford. East Sussex, as part of the bicemenary celebrations of the Royal School for the Blind; and opens the new building at the Downs School (for children with special needs). Eastbourne. East Sussex Princess Alexandra visits Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent, and sees the new facility for Croydon resi dents' and, as President the British Red Cross Society, visits High Street, Lundon SE20.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse

Guards, Ham: Nilmegen Company Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Bucking-ham Palace, 11 30am, band provided by the Scots Guards.

Second trial was an abuse of process

WHERE THE prosecution had been allowed to amend an indictment after the close of their case in circumstances where a submission of nn case to answer no the priginal indictment would bave succeeded, a retrial, ordered because evidence inadmissible on the amended indictment

The Court of Appeal allowed the appeals of Luke Anthony Piggott and Jeffrey Simon Litwin against their convictions of conspiracy to steal, and Litwin's conviction of nine counts of handling stolen goods.

had already been heard by the

iury, was an abuse of process

and should bave been halted.

The appellants and their co-accused were originally charged in an indictment containing a single count of conspiracy to steal. At the close of the prosecution case a submission of no case to answer was made on behalf of the defendants. The judge directed a not guilty verdict in respect of the two co-accused, but allowed amendments to the indictment in respect of the appellants, which amounted to the reinstatement of counts which had

previously been withdrawn. The judge discharged the jury and ordered a retrial, because evidence which would the amended indictment had aiready been adduced. He approached the matter by reference to section 5(1) of the Indictments Act 1915, and also placed reliance on section 5t51 of the Act. The appellants were re-

arraigned on the amended indictment and were ultimately convicted of conspiracy to steal. Litwin was also convicted of stage where they had been nine counts of handling stolen allowed in the present case

THE FOOD industry always

trics to pull a fast one. The

latest attempt to blur the

issue - similar to oven-baked

is pan-fried, demolished

by Nigella Lawson in the

TUESDAY LAW REPORT

13 APRIL 1999

Regina v Piggott and another

Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Waller, Mr Justice Timothy Walker and the Recorder of London) 18 March 1999

goods. The appellants appealed against their convictions, submitting that it was unfair that the Crown had been able to conduct their case to its close on one basis, and then had been allowed to amend it at such a late stage. Keith Hotten (Registrar of Crim-

inal Appeals! for Piggott: Zoe Smith (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Litwin; Justin Wigoder (Crown Prosecution rice! for the Crown.

Lord Justice Waller said that section \$(5) of the Indictments Act 1915 contemplated amendments only at a very early stage of proceedings at which be inadmissible in the case on a decision might be taken to order a separate trial or to postpone a trial which had not effect started.

Whilst postponement or discharge at a very early stage might not be unfair it was difficult to contemplate that postponement or discharge of a jury could take place at the end of the Crown's case without being so.

To allow amendments at the

after a trial lasting 10 days, and which could only be proceeded with by ordering a retrial which would traverse the same ground as the first trial, but on counts which the appellants were entitled to think had been withdrawn, bad caused an injustice to the appellants.

Although there was a material distinction between the situation in the instant case and that in a case where a plea of either autrefois convict or autrefois acquit was applicable, if the submission of no case to answer had not been made in the present case and the matter had been allowed to be decided by the jury, the jury would have had to acquit the appellants on the conspiracy as it was originally charged.

In that instance, on any view, an attempt by the Crown to resurrect substantive offences and even narrower conspiracies would have been bound to fail. No one would suggest that if the amendments had not been sought, and if the defence had been entitled to succeed on a submission of no case to answer, that the Crown would bave been entitled to have the jury discharged instead of a verdict of not guilty being entered, simply so that they could mount a second case.

The judge in the second trial had been entitled to conclude that that trial was an abuse of process, and should therefore have exercised his discretion to halt it. In those circumstances. having concluded that the second trial should never have taken place, the court was bound to conclude also that the convictions were unsafe and to quasb them.

KATE O'HANLON, Barrister

CHESS JON SPEELMAN

TODAY I am reviewing John Nunn's Chess Puzzle Book (Gambit, £13.99). Nunn is one of the best tacticians on the planet and this, his "first venture into the field of chess puzzle books", is one that he himself and I would enjoy. Two initial sets of puzzles

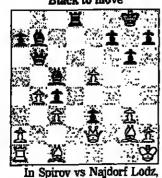
straddle a chapter entitled 'Find the Wrong Move" in which each diagram precedes a catastrophic blunder perpetrated by a strong player, which the reader has to identify in advance. The fourth chapter too is innovative: a selection from the great tournament at Karisbad 1911, set in the context of how their play compares to today's players.

For all the 202 positions in these four chapters. Nunn provides hints in a separate section. Naturally, though, this facility is not available for the final section of eight selfassessment tests of six positions each for a grand total of

250 puzzles in the 208 pages. While the organisation is most interesting, it is the level of difficulty that marks Nunn's book out. In the introduction he

explains that he's "rated the positions on a scale from from 1 to 5... Only those rated 1 and 2 are suitable to solve on a train: the rest should be set up on a board". This is tremendous stuff, particularly for the ambitious club or stronger player who is prepared to devote sufficient time to it, but not for the faint-bearted. Here is a nice example of

Nunn's level 2: Black to move



1932, Black won with 1 ... Qc6!!

a) if 2 Bxc6 Bxc6+ 3 Kg1 Rd1+! 4 Qxd1 e2+ and mates. b) White tried 2 Ba3, resigning after Rd2 3 Bxc6 Bxc6+ 4 Kg1 Rxe2 5 bxc5 Rg2+ 6 Kf1 e2+. O'Byrne); an obstruction of

READERS HAVE now collected some new collective nouns... A shelf of spinsters | Jennifer Moore-Blunt); a doorstep of journalists (T.M. O'Grady); a cadabra of conjurors (Norah Smith); a Plathora of poets (Peter Thomasi; a fauna of sycophants (Bruce Birchall): a quota of plagiarists (J.R. Gore); a jostle of joggers (Joan Vinnicombe); a seethe of rail travellers (Maguy Higgs); a bray of vicars (John Andrews); a carton of Sydneys

(Susan Tomes). A rustle of borse-thieves (Octavia Leigb); a shirtlessness of racehorses (Paul Turner); a protestation of foxlovers (Sue Johnson); a concatenation of cat-lovers (Colin O'Hare); a posse of pussies (S.J.); a Caribbean of caribou (B.B.); a bumph of sceptics (Luela Palmeri; an mmmm of doctors, an aaaah of dentists Œric Dunkleyı; a bah balı de

doo of jazz singers (Alex). A lather of TV soaps (Andrew Duncant; a moon of cheeses (Eric Bridgstock); an indifference of waiters (John

bureaucrats (A.D.); a hamper of Planning Officers, a folly of architects (Pe.T.); a junket of MEPs (J.A.): a trough of EU commissioners (John Terris): a grouse of curmudgeons (Brendan J. O'Byrner, a conglumeration of depressives (Colin Archer); a detacliment of the autistic (S.T.); a dearth of absentees (M H) A One-I-Made-Earlier of TV

cooks, a wife's away of adult videos (Pa.T.); a gwynne of oranges, a labyrinth of maize (Mike Gifford); a parthenon of columnists (B.J.OB.r. a perplexity of togas (B.B.); a slither of salesmen, a burnshow of builders (Tom Gaunt): a horde of misers (M.H.): a nerd of Trekkies (Martin Ernwn); a whipround of masochists (C.A.); a gobble of gourmands IJ.V.); a snip of castcali IJ T.) A plummet of sky-divers

tPe.T.); a plunge of deep seadivers (P. Catton); a cast of plasterers, a shup of informers (Alan Brooker); a culture of bacteriologists (Mary Brooker!; a quiescence of yes-inen (Matthew White); a curps of applegrowers, a breadth of

visionaries (George H. Hudd). A portmanteau of harbourmasters, a contentment of campers (C.O'H.); an irritation of e-mails Michael Bryant-Moley, an annovance of bunched-up boses (A.D.); an aggravation of cold callers, a vexation of double-glazing reps (Shirley Edmundson); 3 drive-you-potty of political candidates, a Go Yahweli' of Jeliovah's Witnesses (Ella

Jennifer Moore-Blunt, Lucia Palmer and George Hudd each win a copy of the Chambers Dictionary of Quotations. John Lamper wonders: with chess now to be classified as a sport, what misdemeanours might lean to a red card in various mind games: Ideas to Loki, e-mail: Valhalla-cotinternet.com. Ur write to Creativity, Features. The Independent, 1 Canada Square, London E14 5DL.

admirable How To Eat. closing date 22 April. itesuits and three more "I object to the term Chambers prizes will be announced on 27 April, Next you going to fry something in, if not a pan? But the work's tester, appropriate thing about pan-fried is not forms of transport.

WORDS CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

pan-fried, adj. so much that it is tautolo-

pan-fried because what are gous, as that it is a con-trick. Let me deconstruct: fried old-style food which none rich nest they die".

of us eats any more; panfried is modern, light. healthy ... But food, whether fried or pan-fried, is cooked in the same way. It's a hrilliant wheeze."

If one donbts the poetry of frying. Johnson quotes Waller: "spices and gums about them melting fry, / is greasy, beavy, fattening. And, phenix like, in that



The red countess: in prison she kept up her standards of glamour with lipstick made from Vaseline and red marker pens

Kalpesh Lathigra

Lovelorn, loaded, alone

When Countess Valentina Artsrunik's lover was convicted in America of murder and jewel theft, it seemed she had nowhere to turn. Except to her ex-husbands, of course. And Max Clifford. By Steve Crawshaw

on a French passport and lives in a Knightsbridge apartment with her exhusband a wealthy Nigerian-born Armenian count. A millionairess's bodyguard, who becomes the countess's lover after meeting her one night in the bar of a Palm Beach hotel. A jeweller is murdered in the American south: the bodyguard is convicted of murder and robbery; the countess is also jailed while facing related charges but is later acquitted. The countess hopes to sue the court for wrongful arrest, and seeks to mount an appeal against her lover's conviction, claiming that this is all a set-up and

a terrible injustice. The cast of characters and storyline might have been dreamed up by John Grisham, emperor of the outlandish thriller plot - and then discarded as an exoticism too far. It comes as no surprise to find that Hollywood agents are beating a path to Countess Valentina Artsrunik's door for her to tell her tale and that of her boyfriend. 48-year-old Dorian Lester, and of the mysterious death of George Moody in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Her door is up a few flights of stairs in Knightsbridge, just around the corner from Harrods and from all the designer shops that have been her habitat for many years. Admire the collection of hats in the hallway, and she is casually dismissive. "This is just for everyday use. I've got 300 upstairs." (At around £800 a time, she later

Bulgarian-born Russian reveals.) That's along with the eight fur after the murder, her credit card was in

Enough. All of this now means nothing to her, she says. "They're just things." She hopes to organise an auction of some of the hats and dresses and furs. This week, she opened a Defence of Dorian Lester Fund. to raise money for legal fees.

The 42-year-old countess has just returned from the United States, where she was acquitted on charges of larceny. The prosecution's case was that Lester killed George Moody and that Artsrunik was involved in the robbery of \$40,000 (£25,000) worth of gems. Artsrunik spent five months in custody before being released

Artsrunik and Lester were due to fly to London to start their new lives together, when they were arrested four days after the murder in September 1997. According to the prosecution, Lester ("fameless and wealthless") killed Moody to gain money to buy ber presents.

She suggests that such money was chickenfeed, given her spending habits. "The limit on one of my credit cards alone was £50,000. A month." The ruby and diamond earrings that she is wearing have alone, she says, been valued on Bond Street

The way Artsrunik tells it, her spending habits - from the funds supplied to her by ex-husbands and the other men who have passed through her life - should have provided her and Lester with the perfect alibi. During the hours before, during and

Funnily enough, almost all of

The exceptions were Ian, Leona and

Manchester to enjoy a little rest

caped to Cornwall, where she spent

a week being told by her cousins how

much she'd grown. Worse, the

clubbing society.

cousins have children.

society beauty who travels coats and the wardrobes full of couture non-stop use - buying antiques, paying for a Frenchman three decades older than her. On Dorian's behalf'. meals, buying clothes. In addition, "There because he could give the teenage valen was no material evidence - no blood, no

Four days after the murder, a Swat antiterrorist team amhushed the couple. They shouted: 'Police! Down!' Dorian likes to play practical jokes, and I thought it was a joke he had set up. I started laughing. I stopped when they laid me down

The police shouted "Down!" I thought it was a joke Dorian had set up. I started laughing. I stopped when they laid me down and handcuffed me'

and handcuffed me." Both Lester and Artsrunik were, in their different ways, part of an exceptionally beau monde. Lester worked for media billionaire John Kluge, who was described as "formerly the world's richest man", and later continued to work for his estranged wife, former belly-dancer Patricia Kluge. As for Countess Valentina, who still speaks with the soft remnants of a Russian accent - she had connections everywhere. "I don't deny I've had a magical life."

na a passport oul of Communist Bulgaria. Then came a retired English army officer, also 30 years older, who bought her a house in France. Then came Edward Artsrunik. Armenian count and international insurance broker. Then came David Conway, a shipping heir she came upon (as one does) in a St Moritz hotel. (She had

gone on boliday to St Moritz with the nanny

andher young son - to escape from money problems.) And finally, Lester. Everything about her is larger than life. She says that she is fond of red. But you could guess that, without being told. She is elegantly dressed in shades of red from top to toe; the living-room walls are red; the dining-room walls are red. Even in difficult circumstances, she retains ber loyalty to keeping some would-be glamour. In prison "a cross between boarding school and an East European hospital"), she says she hecame famous for her

a Diana-like, knowing innocence: "I have had a good life."

Call this a holiday? Purgatory, more like

home-made lipslick - Vaseline and red-

coloured markers together. She says with

Nor does she seem to quarrel with her men definitively. Edward Artsrunik was scathing of her at the time of their hreakup, describing her as "a terrible social climber"; but he now lives almost amiably with her in the same apartment, together with their elder son. She describes David Conway, father of her two younger children, as "my best friend - he doesn't of my life, I'll be locked into a fight."

She chose her first husband, Maurice, like publicity, but he was ready to testify

glamour obscures what she sees as the unjustified suffering that her lover is now going through. She fondly recounts his romantic gestures: the simple bracelet that she is wearing, which he made from the threads of regulation-blue prison sheets and smuggled out, with a lock of his hair attached. (Not all of his gifts to ber were so simple: sbe wears the bracelet on the same band as the sapphire-studded diamond and platinum ring that she also received from him.)

She has had meetings with the publicity supremo Max Clifford ("a very nice man") about the possibility of handling her case. She has been invited to Nassau for discussions about making a Hollywood movie. But she still seems slightly fazed by finding herself in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. "It'll always be a shadow on my name."

She and her supporting cast of former partners have already spent around \$1m on her own legal costs. Now, she is deter-

mined to get Lester free, too. "Few people would sympathise with me, ensconced in a Knightshridge flat. I don't project the image of a victim ... I find it disgraceful to peddle my life. But it's something I have to do. Nobody cares about an obscure Virginian, after all." Her struggle seems set to go on. "I don't want to go into any psychobabble. I don't fall apart. But we were taught to fight back. If it takes the rest

THE JOYS OF MODERN LIFE

41. LAUNDROMATS BY JOSEPH GALLIVAN

POR FAVOR, no zapatos en las secadoras" (Please do not put sneakers in the dryers). Sign at Laundromax, Miami Beach.

What if they built a laundromat for the 21st century. Would you go? Would you go if you knew they had a bank of 55 dryers down one side? Washers in three sizes - double loaders, giant, and super giant, the latter big enough to contain a nuclear family? A children's play area with slide and tricycles, large plastic tables for fluff'n'folding in every aisle, and clean chrome baskets with hanger rails so you can roll your wash around without fear of shedding items?

Well they have, and I found it in Florida. The fact that it's huge and lit like a car showroom is only part of the attraction. Everything has been done to simplify washing. Cash has been banished. There's no fumbling for coins here - the washers, dryers and soap machines only accept pre-paid smart cards. Then there's the staff. Under the strip lights that burn until 11 every night, the young "assistants" wear co-ordinated tracksuit tops and busy themselves with service washes. They smile. They offer help. I've even seen them run to the garage for a packet of cigarettes for a pensioner - so long as she didn't try and smoke inside.

Laundromats, like most services for the underclass, normally exude a stygian chic. They are staffed by old dears like Dot from EastEnders, who make your clothes run and smell of fags, and filled with malfunctioning machines - change-makers that regurgitate bank notes, washers. with pools of black water beneath them ready for you to drop something, dryers blackened with chewing gum. They remind you you're a loser for not owning a washing machine, a low-caste status akin to being a pedestrian.

But at Laundromax there are several rows of bucket seats, perfect for watching the eight separately programmed televisions that hang above the washers. If you are worried about missing an instalment of your favourite telenovela or car-chase compilation programme, just ask for the universal remote control. Neighbours exchange smiles and nods at each other's viewing habits a far cry from the bowling that usually accompanies public channel surfing. Truly this is a place with liberty and justice, and than staying in Laundromax makes people nice. A woollenhatted homie shares his soap with a stranger. A Cuban toddler walks all over someone's sheets and is greeted with indulgent smiles. Now I'm back in Brooklyn,

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things are noticeably less glamorous. There are so many laundromats here, they have to compete - not with better service. but different service. One gives free soap on Tuesdays. Another serves free coffee, another orders

It's all a bit crummy, serving only to highlight the fast-track





ROBBIE studying

LEONA was studying

studying

IAN studying geography

TASH studying management

ALISTAIR studying

ROSIE

What to do in the vacation? Revise for upcoming finals? Not likely. It's time to chill out (or run for your life). By Cayte Williams STRESS IS mounting. There are she says, "I remember I had to four weeks of studying time available babysit when I was 14 or 15 and I

before Finals begin, and then it's all hated it because children irritate me. over. What's more, it's vacation They're so demanding." time. What to do? Take advantage Somehow the experience didn't of the free time and get stuck into seem all that different to that of some serious revision? Or sneak sharing a student house in Manback home to escape reality? chester with four blokes.

"Sometimes we do all get on." them went for the second option. she says glumly. "but when people get stressed everything falls apart. There's definitely a boy-ver-David. Ian - whose family only live in Leeds, on the other side of Snake sus-girl thing going on, and I'm Pass - decided to hang around in starting to wonder if this is what it's going to be like for the rest of my life. Is this what men are all like?" and recuperation from his student

Still, there's hope. "All my friends Leona, on the other hand, es- at home are blokes," she says. "Maybe you have to live with them to know them. I recently had a really nice weekend in Leeds with my ex-boyfriend. He's lovely. And most "I'm not really the family type," of the boys at home are lovely, too. THIS STUDENT LIFE



WEEK 14 AT THE MANCHESTER STUDENT HOUSE

"This Easter all my friends came back home and were all so proud of will own up. Even when I've seen their new relationships at college. The trouble is I'm too cynical. I can't

who wouldn't turn out to be nasty."

So what's wrong with the male sex? They take themselves too seriously," says Leona. "I mean, the more than anything. Girls can step boys in the house have all been really good about the club nights they organise. They could easily have stepped on each others' toes with that. But they go too far, constantly name-dropping with things like 'My brother's friend DJ-ed in this place or that place'. It's so petty. They're like little kids really.

Then there's the milk. "They all share the fridge downstairs," she explains wearily, "and somebody will borrow someone else's milk and leave it out. The person whose milk it is will ask who used it and nobody

who did it, they still lie...' So is there any difference

imagine I would ever meet anyone between men and children? "At the been in seven years. My mum's a end of the day they're really lovely," she says of the boys, "but sometimes they drive me mad. I hate arguing back and look at the situation, but boys can't see anything from anyone

else's point of view."

Recently, they sprang on her in the shower. "They said they were sorry," she explains, "but they just don't get it. They don't understand how that might have upset me at all

"When lan argues he'll say anything personal to keep the argument going," she continues, "and he doesn't realise how upsetting that is."

Meanwhile, David's sloping off to the Far East. "I'm going to Hong Kong then Burma for three weeks to see some of my relatives," says the most amenable lad in the house. "My dad's going, too, and he hasn't

doctor out in Hong Kong.

He's particularly looking forward to getting drenched during the Burmese New Year celebrations. "They have this massive water festival which is a completely mental

fight," explains David,
"People go around in trucks and stop at each house where they fire hose pipes and throw water bombs. It's a real laugh.

"I'm looking forward to getting out of Manchester because the weather's been shit," he says, "even though I know I should really be working." Then there are the ... family matters, such as David's divorced parents who haven't seen each other for years. So how do they get on?

"No comment," says David. Maybe it's a boy versus girl thing.

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A knee-jerk response to research findings can sometimes have catastrophic consequences. By Annabel Ferriman

A bitter pill to swallow

ast week it was revealed that pregnant women who drank as little as one glass of wine a day could be causing neurological damage to their babies. Did the Department of Health immediately call a press conference and alert all doctors to the research through a personal letter? Of course it didn't. And quite right, too. since such pieces of research are published every day of the week in learned journals across the world. Some findings are confirmed by later research and some aren't. Some turn out to apply to thousands of people: some to only a handful. Some findings matter, some don't.

Yet three and a half years ago. when a piece of research showed that women who took the most upto-date contraceptive pills might be at a slightly increased risk of blood clots, the Department leapt into action. It sent out a letter to every GP in the country telling them to advise women to change their contraceptive. It then announced its move to the nation's press.

The immediate result, as we now know, was that thousands of women stopped taking the Pill and there were almost 30,000 extra unintended pregnancies; 14,000 more women than usual had abortions (some put it as high as 30,000, but that is debatable) and 12,500 more babies than usual were born.

This has been well publicised and probably contributed to the decision by the Department of Health to change its advice. The new official advice is that while women should be informed of these "very small risks", the type of Pill is for ber, gether with her doctor, to decide. What has been less well aired is the fact that the 1995 episode is still having repercussions. Young women are still not as confident about taking the contraceptive pill as they were. "That sort of scare has two effects," says Ann Furedi, communications director of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Britain's largest provider of abortion services. "One is short term and the other long term.

"The immediate effect is to discredit certain brands of the Pill - in this case those containing gestodene and desogestrel, which are known as third generation pills - but, in the long term, it also creates a general sense of uncertainty. Women government experts. They say to generation pilli, and secondly, the was safer than previously thought. which were denounced as less safe,



In reality, the Pill's safety profile is extremely good, and it is a more reliable form of contraception than most others

thought that those brands were safe and today they don't. So which brands will they find problems with tomorrow?"

Does it matter that confidence in the Pill has been shaken? Most family planning experts think that it does for two reasons: first, because the Pill's safety profile is extremely good (the risk of having a blood clot during pregnancy is twice as lose confidence in doctors and high as having one while on a third new research showed that the Pill

themselves: Yesterday the experts Pill is a more reliable method of contraception than most others.

As for the Pill's safety, the research findings in 1995, which sparked the scare, could have been presented as good news rather than bad news, according to Furedi. The Health Department told the public that new research showed that women taking the third generation clot as being 30 in 100,000. pills had an increased risk of blood clots, whereas it could have said that

"We all knew that the contracep were safer than we had realised. The tive pill carried a risk of venous thrombo-embolism. That has been known since the 1960s. All property trained doctors should have informed their patients of that fact and normally advised anyone who had a history of blood clots not to take it. Doctors usually quoted the risk of a

"The irony is that the research findings published in 1995, showed that even the third generation Pills. risk of a getting a blood clot with of women who said they would them turned out to be 25 in 100,000.

"But because the research showed that the older Pills, the second generation Pills, were even safer than that, the Government focused on the difference between the two generations of Pill. saying that the latest Pills almost doubled your chances of having a clot the risk being 25 in 100,000. compared to 15 in a 100,000 with the older Pills).

"The Government could equally be immense," she says.

well have announced the study as good news instead of bad news. That would have given a more ac-

curate picture," Ms Furedi adds. But disillusionment with the contraceptive pill cannot be aur uted only to the 1995 scare, according to Toni Belfield, director of information and research, at the Family Planning Association.

"We have to look more generally at what it is about hormonal contraception that women do not like and work out bow to engender confidence in it. Women need time and information when they are trying to decide on which method of contraception to use and they need to see a trained and up-to-date

"The calls we get to our helpline are depressing. Some women are given a prescription for the Pill with no advice, no information and without a blood pressure check.

They often do not realise that if one type of Pill does not suit them. another might.

"The long-term study on the Pill, by Professor Valerie Beral of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, publisbed in the British Medical Journal in January, showed quite clearly that if women are properly selected and a proper medical history is taken, the Pill is extremely safe and effective."

So are there any women who should not take Pills containing gestodene or desogestrel? "Yes. Women who have had a thrombosis in the past, or who have a family history of thrombosis, who are seriously overweight or who have varicose veins, would be better on another method of contraception or on the progestogen-only Pill," says Walli Bounds, research co-ordinator of the Margaret Pyke Centre, London, "But that bas been known for a long time. It is true now but it was also true before the 1995 episode."

Ann Furedi would like to see the Government, through the Health Education Authority launch a campaign to restore confidence in the Pill. "A year after the scare, the proportion never consider the Pill as a method of contraception was a third, compared to only a quarter in 1993. We need to change perceptions.

"If the Health Education Authority devoted only half the resources that it devotes to persuading people to stay out of the sun because of skin cancer on informing people accurately about the Pill, the public bealth gain could

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1 HAVE polymyalgia rheumatica and I will be taking steroid tablets for many months, perhaps years. Can you give me any advice on ways to lessen the unwanted side effects nf steroids? Polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR) causes muscle pains and weakness, but it responds very quickly to steroids. The problem is that, as you say, you will have to take steroids for many months before you are able to stop them completely. The dose of steroids that you will need will probably be quite small, so some of the worst side effects, such as weight gain and "moon face", are unlikely to occur. One side effect of long-term steroid treatment is thinning of the bones - osteoporosis - and you should probably be taking calcium and vitamin D to help prevent bone loss. If you are past the menopause, bormone replacement therapy can be useful.

I HAVE large keloids on my chest which are irritating and ngly. Is laser treatment available for them? Keloids are scars that overgrow, causing a thick, wide area of scar tissue that is bigger than the original injury. Lasers have been used to remove keloid scars. but the success rate is less than 50 per cent. Another way of treating them is to have triamcinolone injections into the scars. The success rate of this is at least as good as laser treatment.

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A different kind of screen scare

28: (00) WHEN MICHAEL Hutchence, the viously. The main problem with a INXS rock star, hanged himself in Australia be triggered a series of actual and attempted suicides by fans, as well as one attempt by his partner, Paula Yates. The copycat suicide is now a well-recognised phenomenon: to link one's death with that of a real or fictional character increases its emotional power.

Last week, doctors reported a doubling of paracetamol overdoses. and an increase of almost a fifth in all self-poisonings, following an apisode of the BBC series Casualty in which an RAF pilot facing personal and domestic difficulties was shown collapsing after swallowing 50 paracetamol tablets two days preparacetamol overdose, the most commonly used drug for selfpoisoning, is that although it kills slowly, the damage done to the liver is irreversible. Without prompt treatment with an antidote, a liver transplant may be the only bope. The effect of the Casualty episode

was intriguing. Professor Keith Hawton of Oxford University, writing in the British Medical Journal, effectively blamed the programme makers for the rash of poisonings. "It is questionable whether methods of self-harm should be portrayed," he wrote.

In a separate survey of the effect



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and colleagues of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust found the of the episode, Dr Susan O'Connor episode led to increased under-

standing of the risks of a paracetamol overdose. Their conclusion was that TV soaps were powerful vehicles for conveying medical messages.

What these surveys neatly demonstrate is the variety of messages viewers and readers can take from the same information. As Professor Christopher Bulstrode, one of the researchers, observed: For ordinary people the message was, 'Jeepers, paracetamol is dangerous in large doses and you must get pumped out quick.' But for another group it said. 'Let's take it."

This problem is not confined to TV soaps. Government announcements are similarly prone to misinterpretation as the contra- chic. The ads were withdrawn.

ceptive pill scare of 1996, told elsewhere on this page, illustrates. The former chief medical officer, Sir Kenneth Calman, felt it important that women were alerted to the small increased risk associated with third generation pills but the manner in which the announcement was made triggered a flight from contraception and a surge in abor-

Early advertising in the drugs and Aids campaign in the t980s showed a wasted figure slumped against a wall in a dimly lit warehouse. Instead of conveying the dangers of injecting, the ads became a fashion statement marking the birth of heroin

and producers of TV soaps must take the potential impact of their product seriously. But as John Collee, the doctor, novelist and scriptwriter writes elsewhere in the BMJ, they do. In most cases, producers go to enormous lengths to ensure programmes are accurate and as Dr Collee points out, formal guidelines would amount to a kind of medical censorship. If we ban suicide, would we also ban fast driving, violence, unsafe sex and smoking on TV?

Professor Hawton says writers

The difficulty is that different people will draw different conclusions from the same events. But that is something we have to live with.

The dark side of the mood

So sulking is not just an annoying habit, it's a personality disorder. By Roger Dobson

The second secon IT WRECKS marriages and lives, causes mental torment, violence and unhappiness, and affects millions. But its victims are rarely offered any kind of treatment, and Production of the state of the more often than not sulking is dismissed along with shyness, embar-And the control of th rassment and a nervous cough, as an unfortunate and irreversible

Now, however, new bope is on the borizon for chronic sulkers with a recognition that their moody episodes are a silent call for help, and that sulking can be a major personality and mood disorder requiring intense psychological therapy.

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a degree of severity where it sulker accepts reparation. becomes a clinical phenomenon, a personality disorder," says psychotherapist and author Adam Edward Jukes. A sulk is a reaction to feelings of being rejected where, instead of getting openly angry or talking about the problem, the sulker retaliates with moody silences or monosyllabic replies designed as a punishment. It is closely associated with envy and a desire to destroy the contentment of the other person.

The object of the sulk is to force the other person to make the first attempt at patching things up so that

known fact that sulking can take on the perceived misdemeanour, the

Researchers have found that most people sulk at times, and it is a strategy frequently adopted by children as a non-confrontational way of getting their own way. In adults, short sulks can be regarded as attractive. But in its chronic forms, it is a problem that needs treatment. rare that a man begins with a vicious mise they are sulking. Many refuse

The causes of chronic sulking are not clear. There might be a genetic component, but one of the latest theories is that it develops in childhood as a punishment for mum in a way which is least likely to trigger chastisement. According to Jukes, sulkthe sulker can then reject them, thus ing in men can also be the first, vital extracting revenge. After what is sign of abuse: "In my experience, a considered an acceptable period of very high proportion of abusers are

and have been in a sulk for most of child custody, for instance, they talk their lives, deriving as it does from about killing themselves 'to see the basic fault and desire to punish where that gets her'," says Jukes. the inadequate primary carer, mother," says Jukes, author of Men Who Batter Women.

starts in a small way, maybe with sulking, and then escalates. It is very attack. They often start by feeling resentment and then withdrawing."

Fits of sulking are usually provoked by an immovable sense of injustice, victimisation and unfairness which leads to a withdrawal and the build up of smouldering resentment. anything is allowed except sulking. "It can be very serious and dis-

turbing to see. I have seen men with chronic sulking where homicide or Men Who Batter Women' is pubtime, depending upon the gravity of prone to severe attacks of sulking, suicide are real issues. In fights over lished by Routledge this week

At the heart of the problem is the inability to articulate feelings. The sufferer withdraws, and sulking be-"Most abuse is incremental. It comes the preferred form of communication. One of the first steps in therapy is to get the sulker to recogto do so. They invariably blame the other person and find it impossible to make the first move. One aim of treatment is to get sufferers to articulate their concerns. Group therapy is particularly effective, where Anyone who gets in a huff is ignored.

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Ever wondered about that weird noise in the Beach Boys' 'Good Vibrations', in the soundtrack of Hitchcock's Spellbound and what seems like every Fifties sci-fi movie? It's the sound of the theremin, the world's first electronic instrument. By Robert Webb

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n 1945, Alfred Hitchcock was searching for a new sound. His Freudian chiller, Spellbound, required a score that would really raise goosebumps. Hitchcock's composer, Mikios Rozsa, suggested using the theremin. Hitch agreed to give it a go although, Rozsa recalled later, he wasn't exactly sure if you "ate it or took it for headaches". In fact, the theremin had been around for 25 years and could lay claim as the earliest viable electronic musical instrument. Its ethereal wail was perfect for the psychotic terror that seeped through the film.

The theremin was named after its inventor, Leon Theremin, born in Russia in 1896. The leading authority on both man and machine is Albert Glinsky. "He was an extraordinary inventor," says Glinsky. "He supported the Bolsheviks in 1917 and after the Revolution was in Leningrad working on surveillance equipment and pioneering an early form of television. The instrument that bears his name was developed in 1920 while he was experimenting with radio apparatus to measure the dielectric constant of gasses."

This seems as improbable as Adolphe Sax stumbling across the saxophone whilst plumbing in a U-bend, but no less sensational is the invention itself. It resembles no more than a plain box of coils and wires with a couple of aerials protruding. Operation is quite simple, but fiendishly difficult to master. Glinsky explains: "Two high-frequency oscillators generate an identical note beyond the reach of human hearing. The theremin allows the natural body capacitance of the hands to control electrical fields in the air between the antennae."

Astonishingly, the theremin is unique as the only musical instrument played with no actual physical contact. With one hand controlling the pitch, and the other the volume, the chaotic whines and groans can be modulated to produce discrete musical pitches. Played proficiently, the sound is not unlike the human voice, a kind of ghost in the machine. Imagine listening to the Star Trek theme on shortwave radio.

Leon Theremin unsurprisingly attracted the attention of the KGB and his invention was classified as top secret. To escape the restrictions on his work, he fled Russia for the United States in 1927. "In America it was announced as a magical device which heralded a new era in electronic music," says Glinsky. RCA were quick to see the novelty value and manufactured 500, backed by a fierce publicity campaign. Many people were unsure what to make of the new gadget. Even more baffling was how to play it. "I almost don't like to say this, but it's really the most difficult musical instrument in the world to play.

At home, the untutored player simply had to imagine the notes and grope around in the air, hoping for the best. "Most people found it impossible, managing little more than a police-siren squeal. So they gave up and left it to gather dust in the garage." Only a few hudding players became skilled. One virtuoso was Samuel Hoffman, a New York chiropodist. The theremin became a trademark in the NBC band, for whom Hoffman, when he wasn't tra was billed as the "casino in the air".



Leon Theremin in 1927; below, some albums from the new collection



shaving corns, played the violin. It attracted his attention and before long Hoffman was Eventually though, the theremin was just another gimmick: It failed to hring about transforming himself into Hal Hope, celthe expected revolution in electronic ebrated bandleader and theremin player. music. "The anticipated technical For a while, Hoffman was famous in developments just never happened," says Manhattan dancehalls, where his orches-Glinsky, "so people lost interest." Hoffman went back to his day joh and, despondent,



Leon Theremin returned to the Soviet Union in 1938, where he was imprisoned for "un-Soviet activities".

When Hitchcock's composer phoned the Hollywood musicians' union in 1945 for someone to play his score, there was only one thereminist listed who could read

music: Dr Samuel J Hoffman, Hoffman's performance on Spellbound revived his thrilled cinema-goers. In 1947, he teamed up with British songwriter Harry Revel and full orchestra to record Music Out Of The Moon, the first in a series of 78s for Capital records, now the subject of a repackaged CD set. With selections entitled "Lunar Rhapsody", "Celestial Noc-turne" and "Radar Blues", it presented music which, according to the sleeve notes, "can affect the sensitive mind in a way that is sometimes frightening ... al-

ways fascinating".

It was followed by two more recordings in 1948 and 1950: Music For Peace Of Mind. and Perfume Set To Music, with arrangements by Billy May and the carpet-slipper king of lounge music, Les Baxter. The theremin was back. Dr Hoffman's career took off: he remained in Hollywood and through the Fifties tingled spines on many classic sci-fi soundtracks, notably Bernard Herrmann's The Doy The Earth Stood Still.

Twenty-one years after Hitchcock first took the theremin to the movies, Brian Wilson was also in Hollywood, recording one of pop's greatest three and a half minutes.
"Good Virtations" was the Beach Boy's second song to feature the theremin: the first being "I Just Wasn't Made For These Times". A vital contribution to an astonishing record, it quickly became a pet sound. The following year Captain Beefheart. reputedly drafted in none other than Sam Hoffman to electrify his first album, Safe as Milk. The theremin, in various customised forms, has since provided a background hum for artists as diverse as Kraftwerk, Paul Weller and the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band. Jimmy Page has a special fondness for it, using it on Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" and on the recent Page and Plant tour. Hawkwind'a thereminist, it is rumoured, even fashioned an axe-shaped version to fit in with his local music scene. The ultimate air guitar, you might say.

A few models have even found their way

into museums. This month, the Science Museum in London is staging The Aetherphon, a dramatised history of the instrument. The organiser, Geraint Thomas, is excited. "We were one of the first to show a practical interest in the theremin. Our player, Andrew Mackay, studied under Lydia Kavina, a niece of Leon Theremin and a skilled player in her own right."

And Leon Theremin himself? In the early Nineties, Albert Glinsky met him in New York, filming a documentary about his long and improbable life. "Most people assumed he was dead," recalls Glinsky. "In fact, he'd been working at Moscow University but was shunned because of his work for the KGB. Although he had played In Europe in the mid-Eighties, this was the first time he had been in the US since he left in 1938. It was a very moving occasion." In 1991, two years before his death at 97, Leon Theremin was publicly honoured as the godfather of electronic music. Without him, we would have had no good vibrations.

'Dr Hoffman and the Theremin' is available from Basta Records/Direct Distribution. Albert Glinsky's biography of Theremin, 'Out of the Air' will be published next year. The Aetherphon is on at the Science Museum, London, 17 and 18 April

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Ondes Martenot Invented in 1928, it was the first successful electronic instrument that is still regularly used by orchestras today. Its primitive tones were first harnessed by Edgar Varese, the pioneer of artificial sound, on his Ecuatorial (1933-4), paving the way for experimental works by John Cage, Stockhausen and Messiaen (notably his exuberant Turangalila Symphony).

American avant-garde composer Henry Crowell built the first electronic rhythm machine in 1930. In the Fifties it pulsed on producer Joe Meek's early recordings. Later, it was sampled by Tangerine Dream and reputedly used by Pink Floyd on Atom Heart Mother (1969).

Clavoline
The clavoline arrived in 1947 and was used by composer John Barry before becoming the sound of the future thanks to the Tornados' hit Telstar" (1962), produced by Joe : Meek. It was used, incidentally, hy Stanley Kubrick in Dr Strangelove (1963).

Electronium and Clavivox . A couple of the many gizmos developed in the Fifties and Sixties by the composer, engineer, and electro genius Raymond Scott. The Clavivox was one of the first polyphonic sequencers and the Electronium was used on his album of ambient hillabies, Soothing Sounds For Baby (1963), which was recently reissued on Basta records.

Moog Synthesiser Robert Moog developed his ideas for an electronic instrument from building and selling theremin kits in 1961. After the success of Walter Carlos's Switched On Bach (1968) everyone seemed to be using a moog. Except Queen, who (until 1980, at least) declared in their credits "no synthesisers!".

Built by the West Midlands firm Streetly Electronics, the first mellotron arrived in 1963. Its most famous appearance was on The Beatles' "Strawberry Fields Forever" (1967) and it was beloved of Seventies prog rockers. A set of keys triggered taped recordings of musical instruments.

This monophonic xylophone had all the musical sophistication of a klaxon. Manufactured by Dubreq in the late-Sixties, it was heavily promoted by Rolf Harris. David Bowie radioed Ground Control with it on "Space Oddity" (1969).

More filthy songs for dirty minds

PERSONS OF a nervous disposition, as the BBC calls us, are not the ideal audience for The Tiger Lillies. Indeed, they may not want to read this review. In the music by the trio responsible for the critically acclaimed musical Shockheaded Peter one can hear echoes of Berlin-period Weill, Bob Dylan, country and western, and the songs of Romanian peasants

Much of it sounds like waiting for the other shoe to drop. The lyrics, however, are reminiscent mainly of horror comics and what we call special-interest magazines.

Martin Jacques, who could pass for a sour-faced Irish publican were it not for the waist-

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certina to imitate the car crash of which he sings: "Shards of glass have pierced your arteries and skin." The words of a csárdás are hard to understand but, with repetition, they can be heard as "Your dribble! Your dribble! Your dribble down your chin!"

Adrian Stout plays bass with a dreamy expression; Adrian Hughes, twinkly and benign, assists on drums festooned with rubber chickens. The birds, along with a row of anxlength pigtail and the falsetto ious-looking stuffed animals voice, manipulates his con- and large plastic insects, are

used by the group to illustrate some of their numbers, such as one that goes: "I want to have sex with flies/ When I try, I'm too hig/ I stick it in. and they don't live." Sometimes Jacques' partners chorus the last words of a line, as in "I love a little hamster up my anus".

With such openers you may

wonder where these songs can go, hut none of them has any travel plans. The idea is simply stated, then repeated, often in the same words. One, however does have an exciting, if unsurprising, narrative. It dolefully begins, "They're painting the gallows outside my cell and follows a condemned man through his last 20 minutes on earth, ending with a rattle and a protruding tongue. Could be very popular at Hallowe'en.



The Tiger Lillies: shocking stuff

After a while, the material would-be suicide who "thought became less surprising, if it might be a laugh/ hut the still shocking, but sensitive lis- oven wasn't gas". "Laugh" is teners would undoubtedly be also used to rhyme with "arse" disturbed by the rhymes - the a lot. It squeaks in protest.

One number was not worrying in the least: Jacques sang "Autumn Leaves" in a conventional enough way, though rather flat and as if "autumn" were two words. That was our only opportunity for relaxation, even if one looked away from the stage. The north London audience some in black leather and large chunks of face metal, some in Alice bands - were extremely enthuaiastic, bohhing their heads and pounding their fists to the rhythm of "Bangin' in the Nails" (as in the Cross). They also loudly approved of a plain-tiff ode to the singer's true love. a sheep named Wellington. As another Wellington said, with different emphasis, they fright-

RHODA KOENIG

The money's too tight to mention

"STATE OF the Nation" is the work, SOUND intermedia, the splendidly bold but completely BBC, the Society for the Proinaccurate description for the annual celebration of a tiny forming Arts Education. Like area of new music: one that can the Norrington "Experiences" only thrive on patronage. But this had all the ingredients of as a barometer of composition a festive occasion where gaps today, it was a jolly occasion within narrowish limits.

Over two days, the spaces as the events themselves. and halls of the South Bank, with the exception of the Festival Hall, were taken over by four workshop sessions reworkshops and concerts bringing together composers, players, and the skills of Contemporary Music-making for as 45 minutes for two of them) Amateurs (COMA), the London and workshops kept to a short,

motion of New Music, and Perbetween events for mixing and mingling proved as important

Four concerts took place on Saturday, interspersed with peated three times. A triumph of organisation, concert length was tightly controlled (as little Sinfonietta, Sonic Arts Net- sharp 30 minutes. "How to CLASSICAL STATE OF THE

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earn a living as a composer" produced two virtual stand-up comics in Stephen Montague and Steve Martland; Montague espousing the husiness approach with cards and good organisation, reserving the Jeremy Paxman eyebrow for Martland's denial of the efficacy of such an approach.

too late that the title of her talk Senft, and John Constable with "How to persuade a composer to write for you and what to do with it next was something of inet, trombone, double bass, a contradiction in the context of milling composers. She had harsh words for publishers who didn't know how to deal with improvised scores, and dismay over the problem of "second" performances.

One entire concert was iven over to works inspired hy Patrick Caulfield in the context and physical space of the Hayward Gallery's current exhibition. A small group of London Sinfonietta players - Timothy in the somewhat uneasy space

Joanna MacGregor realised Lines, David Purser, Enno SOUND intermedia offered a dark sound spectrum of clarand keyboard sampler - for four specially commissioned works. Only Edward Rushton's cheerfully extrovert "Cheap Drinks" approached the literalism of Caulfield's work while Ian Vine's minimal "Three Black Moons", an exercise in suspended sound, derived its name from a mobile by Alexander Calder. Ian Deardon and SOUND intermedia provided

immensely subtle electronics

of the Hayward's upper gallery. With few chairs and few cushions, footsteps and sighs gath-

ered unusual volume. Earlier in the day, the QEH proved more welcome for the three other concerts. John Wallace and John Constable made deft work of "Shiver and Shake" by Joe Duddell for trumpet and piano, while John Constable gave a studied reading of Luke Stoneham's charming conceit "Nobody here but us Chickens" for solo harpsichord. Martyn Brabbins ably steered many other works for the tireless Sinfonietta players.

ANNETTE MORREAU

A very brave New World

THE AMERICAN conductor Leon Botstein has earned himself something of a reputation for rescuing worthy lesser masters from relative obscurity (Joachim, Dohnányi, Hartmann and others), but Friday's LPO concert found him pulling out the stops for one of the repertory's best-loved works.

Not long ago, Botstein suggested to me that the cele-brated "Largo" second movement from Dvorak's New World Symphony may well be a musical narrative based on the theme of Hiawatha, and there was a discernible storytelling element in Friday's performance. The first movement (with repeat) was passionate, propulsive and rhythmically tight, with excellent woodwinds and impressive teamwork from the LPO strings. The scherzo was daringly fast and, for once, the perky little clarinet counter-melody that spices the first theme was clearly audible. Horns and trombones rang resplendent in the finale (though the trumpets were rather weak) and the heroic return of the symphony's first theme that crowns the closing pages was played

fully up to speed. The rest of the concert was more variable. Wagner's serene Lohengrin Prelude came first, and it was pleasing to hear the veil of darkening orchestration fall from high strings through woodwinds to lower strings and hrass, like daylight transforming to dusk and back again. But while Bot-

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stein had charted - and shaped - the Dvorak virtually to perfection, his tempo for Wagner was too slow.

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The concert's central attraction was Khachaturian's tuneful, garish and musically banal Violin Concerto, in which the soloist was the Orchestra'a accomplished leader, Joakim Svenheden. My guess is that Svenheden is well acquainted with David Oistrakh's records of the piece, especially in the sultry slow movement, where the velvet tone and artful phrasing were warmingly reminis-

cent of the Russian master. The first movement's second idea was also beautifully played, but the resolute opening seemed laboured, and some of Svenheden's passagework later on, although commendably brilliant, failed to project above the orchestra.

Botstein's conducting was at its best at the start of the finale, but elsewhere the score's hyperactive inner parts - most notably among the woodwinds sounded muddled. Still, it was a valiant display by Svenheden. As to Botstein, it would be nice to see him inaugurate a London-based festival, each year specialising in an individual composer. I'm told that Schoenberg is next on the agenda.

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First, but not among equals

Kandinsky is considered the founder of abstract art. So why does so much of his work look derivative? By Tom Lubbock

ne night. Wassily Kandinsky went into his Munich studio and noticed an unfamiliar picture. It was a weird, unrecognisable image, but it seemed to him "of extraordinary beauty, glowing with an inner radiance". It was, in fact, one of his own pictures, which happened to have been placed upside down. But it was this experience that revealed to Kandinsky the power of abstract art. And soon he was doing some of the first abstract pictures there ever were.

Not quite the very first. But, like all originating moments, the "first abstract picture" is a grey area-cum -red herring. Questions of priority get lost in questions of definition There are several candidates. It depends what you mean by abstract

(or by picture). And in the nature of things, it's not even clear what was Kandinsky's own first abstract. But the turning point is about 1910-11. when brightly coloured figures-in-alandscape become brightly coloured something elses.

The change occurs in the first room of Kandinsky: Watercolours and other Works on Paper, at the Royal Academy, a pretty comprehensive survey of the artist's career, and his first retrospective in Britain. Kandinsky was in his mid-forties, He wasn't just one of the great originals, he was one of the great late-starters. Born in Russia in 1866, he was 30 vears old before - bowled over by a Monet - he abandoned a law career to go to art school in Germany. For a decade he did folksy-fairylandish images. He got a bit of Fauvism. He founded the Expressionist Blue Rider movement with Franz Marc. Then he made the big development.

Why? With hindsight, we tend to take Kandinsky's (or anyone's) move to abstraction too much for granted - as if abstraction was an obviously profitable modern art option, just waiting to be taken up by some forward-looking artist. And we praise the artists who made the advance, without asking for further explanatioo or justification. But the step needs a bit more motivation; a bit more content. The tale of the upside-down picture was no doubt true, but hardly the whole story.

The embarrassing truth is that, like quite a lot of modern art, Kandinsky's abstraction begins in mumbo-jumbo. He was a follower of Madame Blavatsky's Theosophy and Rudolph Steiner's Anthroposophy. He believed in auras and "thought-forms". He was interested in, may well have possessed, the faculty of synaesthesia, where one sense sets the others off (sounds visualised, colours felt, etc). He understood shapes and colours to have specific moods and meanings. And so, for Kandinsky, a non-representational picture wasn't an arrangement of pure forms. It was a very direct sort of soul music.

Kandinsky was himself a great expounded his idea in works such as On the Spiritual in Art, which, if they weren't major documents of modern art, would plainly qualify as crank pamphletry. Of course, this doesn't really matter - not because the theory is irrelevant to the art (it's integral), but because you can't do anything with it. I mean, a mediumistic critic might come forward to

assure us that a particular Kandin-



rendering of a particular "thoughtform"; or again, a very poor one. But this judgement is beyond most viewers. Besides, a likeness isn't everything. You have to take them, as best you can, as pictures. Which is a pity. For, giving all due

honour to Kandinsky as an inaugurator. I think you have to admit that the pictures are not much good, and explainer and justifier. He indeed often pretty hopeless. What's odder is that it's actually very doubtful how many of those abstractions are strictly speaking abstract. And connected to that, what's odder still is that this founder looks like an imitator. Nobody had done quite this sort of picture before, but the way the pictures fail suggests a fol-

lower-on who can't get the trick. Abstraction? Well, take the breakthrough images from 1910 to 1916

Kandinsky to return to Russia). Most of them, seen at a distance, would certainly pass for figurative. Their overall structure says landscape: fantastical, visionary, convuisive landscape to be sure, but a definite scene all the same. Coming close, you see that some of them are indeed just what you expected, with details of hills, figures, clouds and

creatures appearing clearly. With the rest, the majority, this doesn't happen - but it seems to be only a gratuitous suppression of specifics, in images that evidently want to be landscapes like the others. Turn any of these upside down, and upside down is what they look.

Even in details, Kandinsky can barely control his figurative impulse. If that squiggle or that blot isn't some sort of critter, it's only by a wilful

count as non-representational. Abstraction here isn't an independent pictorial world: instead, it's a kind of pedantry.

Nothing wrong with that, as such. It's not the usual story, hut half-way abstraction is perfectly fine. It only seems a problem because it fits in with other doubts about Kandinsky's abstract talents. To put it bluntly, he simply can't do energy and he can't do tension.

There's an "Untitled" and maybe unfinished drawing from about 1915. which is interesting because it labours so hard to be free and spontaneous, and bares only the marks of this labour. It's a concatenation of wandering jerks which declare: "I'm doing this drawing - and I really don't know what kind of stroke I'm going to do next - oh look, there goes one

over there - and there's another, completely different - all right, not completely - have another shot." It's like a failed seance, the artist's hand making itself available too, just begging for some "automatic" supernatural guidance that never actually arrives.

Kandinsky spoke of a lot of "inner necessity" as the crucial ingredient of art. It's precisely what his pictures never have. His signature is the hesitant dash, the guarded fling. True, a drawing can make weakness and uncertainty into something wonderful. Back in Germany following the Russian Revolution, Kandinsky did some outer-spacey etchings in the series Small Worlds (1922), where he seems to be onto this, deliberately de-energising and anticlimaxing his compositions, and I think they're the best things. Weak-

resist the whiz-pow, criss-cross crash of forces which die of feebleness and fussiness. Like a doodler, he adds bits until the composition is, if not filled, at least neutralised, evened out - perhaps a compensa-

tion for the lack of definition in the individual constituent parts. And in the years working at the Bauhaus in the Twenties, using more and more geometrical components, he resorts to what are no much more than pretty patterns pleasant, balanced, blandly colourful arrangements of stencils, which often make a most unfortunate use of the recently invented airbrush. Strange that these should be the works of an artist who had quasimessianic aspirations for his art. see-

ness a notch further. In modern art, we operate a kind

of patent law. We generally expect the artist who did it first to be the artist who did it best. We presume that imitations will be pale. Often that's true, but with Kandinsky it's not true. He makes you think of cuite a few other artists, abstract and not Malevich, say, or Miró. But if you didn't know the chronology, going simply from strength, you might well guess that copying them was what started him off. His standing is ambiguous: important, crucial as a foreunner, tedious, minor as practitioner. Or put it another way: he was a father that nobody had to kill,

Kandinsky: Watercolours and ing it as part of a great spiritual Other Works on Paper, Royal Acadregeneration. The late work done in emy, London W1, doily to 4 July

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease

AS NIGHT falls, the stillness of Hoxton Square in London's East End is broken by a handful of silent, gliding bodies. With arms outstretched they fly, effortless, Superman-style, a gravity-free vision more suited to the world of dreams than that of physical reality.

The installation Gravity Zero, by the French dancer Kitsou Dubois, records the artist's efforts to train astronauts in the skills of space dancing: choreographed movement in a zero-gravity environment to help the space travellers keep fit and fight boredom and space sickness while they are in orbit.

Zero gravity on earth can only be achieved through parabolic flights, when a plane is sent plummeting towards earth in a controlled 20-second nose dive from 30 thousand feet. So Dubois joined US astronauts in what they fondly call their vomit comet on several such heart-stopping, free-fall flights to develop her unusuai dance routine.

Liberated by their weightlessness, the figures kick out their back legs and swim through the air his or her need to find and keep that that of the bridge's infamous history.

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around them, conjuring np images of underwater mermaids and crowded fish tanks. Limbs drift past the camera, interlocked bodies spin slowly around the confined space of the plane's interior and an arched. crab-shaped body floats upwards, as if caught on a gust of warm air, in a state of enviable freedom.

"The experience that I had while derful and melancholic," recalls Dubois. "It is an exceptional experience with regard to experiencing a perfect state of dance. Wonderful because one finds oneself in a state which corresponds to those magic or perfect moments which in dance one is always trying to recapture.

"It is first and foremost an ephemeral moment, which the dancer values because it expresses

magic state of being which is real but ultimately transient. In weightlessness, this moment is taken over by a feeling of eternity. The dream an information agency servicing the of flight is realised and it becomes a reality"

In stark, grim contrast, Suicide Box, from the Bureau of Inverse Technology (BIT), brings home the irreversible force of gravity in everyday life. A motion-activated camera positioned under San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, that suicide hot spot, captures unidentifiable objects as they fall from the structure.

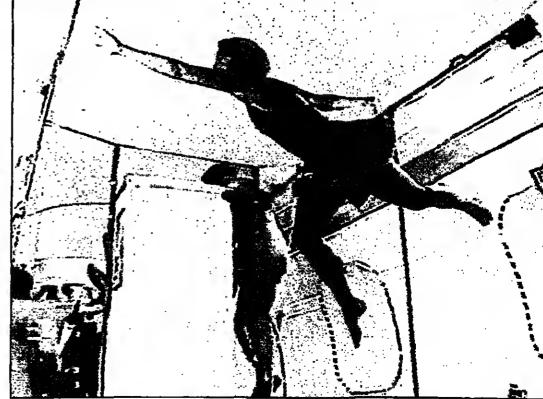
Presented as a grainy documentary, the film makes for fasciin parabolic flight was both won-nating if ghoulish, viewing Subtitles provide a continual stream of facts and figures such as: "After the 996th official suicide from the bridge in 1995. California highway patrols stopped releasing numbers of falls, fearing that quantifying the suicide figure would incite a millennial race." Footage of smiling tourists, cameras in hand, who appear under the subtitle "The Scale of the Problem", sits incongruously alongside

BIT an illusive organisation that puts together out-of-the-ordinary product information, is described as information age".

The company argues that only certain matters get the status of being information and that "the gaps are enormous". It's this imbalance and limited perspective that the organisation is trying to confront. "Even parking ticket data or the video data generated at your local shopping mall get many more resources than suicide data," a spokesperson for the company has pointed out.

The BIT Plane, a second BIT piece on show with Suicide Box. takes the viewer on a flight over the "shiny idealism" of Silicon Valley the centre of the techno boom which from the air, is far from inspiring: a deceptively dull, abstract patchwork of low-rise industrial huildings and beautifully kept lawns, which gives no indication of the innovative creativity taking place below.

The plane - a miniature remotecontrolled aircraft with a video becoming no more than a low and us without access to wings or par- 0200), until 25 April



'The experience was both wonderful and melancholic,' says Dubois of 'Gravity Zero' Lux Galleru

marketed by BIT - is controlled by a pilot on the ground who is able to navigate from the video feedback sent by the plane.

The quiet, accompanying narra-

tion soon melts into the background

be transported by the camera's untold heights. jerky, chaotic flight. This may not be in the same

league as zero gravity flying, but with 'In-Flight Entertainment: Kitsou its birds-eye view and visual freedom

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The day after the Tonight before

Investigative journalism or tabloid TV? Granada's crowd-pleasing current affairs show must decide. By Steve Boulton

f you have shares in ITV, Thursday nights at around 10pm might be a good time to adopt old-time religion. The people who run the ITV Network Centre are making a £14m attempt to find the Holy Grail of television journalism: the chalice of popularity with credibility.

Wheo Trevor McDonald says helio on the bright new Tonight set, will his producers have unearthed the "current affairs show which is consistently popular, but authoritative enough to keep the industry regulators happy?" Will the unveiling of the show's magazine format "get the tabloids talking hut win grudging admiration from the

If Tonight can crack these dilemmas, a lot of people at ITV will shout Hallelujah, and not just those who view journalism the way *Top Gear* regards public transport. At Granada TV, where the long-running - and hugely profitable - World in Action was scrapped to make way for the McDonald hour, there will be a collective release of breath.

Last week's hour-long Martin Bashir interview with the Stepheo Lawrence Five was a PR coup designed to launch Tonight and to estahlish its credentials for scoop journalism. But the single-issue format and the subject matter - which could easily have been a Panorama, a Dispatches or (whisper it) a World in Action - tell us little about the identity of ITV's oew flagship.

Tonight's true shape as a magazine show driveo by personality presecters will emerge from this week, as will its ageoda. And it's on this template - not the Bashir interrogations - that ITV and Granada are gambling a lot of prestige and a fair whack of money.

The hid document which won Granada - with ITN as a minor partner - the contract for the series was leaked to the press in January. Tonight is likely to devote most of its slots to news-related items, but this will not be news as Jeremy Paxman or Jon Snow understand it. There will be personality profiles (George Michael and Judy Finnegan alongiamy; "nidden angles features (what Coronation Street's Deirdre would find if she'd really beeo sent to prison); and, crucially, jokey stunts. (Lord Irvine gets unsolicited DIY advice from a cut-price wallpaper baron.) "It's stunts like these," enthused Granada to a private audience of three ITV executives, "that will get this programme talked about."

Perhaps one-quarter of each show will be devoted to an "original investigation", but the editor will be "ruthlessly discriminating" in com-missioning these. Granada promised ITV that it had learnt key lessons from other popular factual shows - to choose "universal subjects", such as "airports, hotels, hospitals, animals, driving lessons".



Martin Bashir's interview with the Lawrence Five, including David Norris (above), was a good scoop but its viewing figures were disappointing

Granada had a trial run at this agenda last autumn, using the remaining slots of World in Action to experiment, and raising audieoces by a couple of per cent on the old ver- keep the advertisers happy. programmes about things that can go wrong on your holidays, a simi-lar fascination with food scares eveo pet food - and a growing devotion to stunts and consumer journalism *à la Watchdog*. Very little oo the main news ageoda was covered and in-depth investigation vanished. If this remains the pattern, FTV will have said goodbye to regular, substantial journalism in its peak hour now that News at Ten has been replaced by a late bulletin.

It's unlikely that ITV - or Granada - will want to see it this way. Officially, Tonight with Trevor McDonald is being sold as proper current affairs, updated to modern tastes. Privately, there's a more sophisticated position, that nuggets of

vintage current affairs will be smuggled out under cover of the human interest and knockabout stuff which will actually pull in the punters and

the junior researcher in 1983, its role was explained to me by a veteran: Tonight bid said felt "threatened" by to interest the widest public. But is

Services division, toilets section. The whole point of the ITV schedule is to attract precisely the audiences advertisers most like, young, afflueot, aspiring. And it's these wants to deliver, people whom their partment would prefer it, designed

- last used in a doomed attempt to such as World in Action and

The original reason for flagship shows disappeared years ago when satellite and digital allowed rapid, in-depth delivery of the news

"Our job, son, is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortahle." This was the heyday of investigative telly - of the British Steel papers, the Birmingham Six and - you heard it no World in Action first - Spycatcher.

To talk of afflicting the comfortable at Granada today would be to invite committal to the Motorway traditional current affairs.

The advice being offered to newcomers to World in Action's successor is therefore very different. They are to get to the emotional heart of the story. Packaging is key. And the tooe should be upbeat, lively, checky and eotertaining.

Programme conteot, choice of presenters, even the rather tired title

it in the public interest?

ITV current affairs was always intended to break moulds, to be hrash in the days when its only rival was the stuffy BBC. Its agenda was always catholic - opening with nuclear weapons, but taking us also into the lives of a supermodel and a pirate

The problem for flagship shows

It may not be as sexy as comedy or wildlife, but history is the latest TV ratings-puller. By Darius Sanai

get Richard and Judy into peak time Panorama has always been their. - bave been run through focus omnipresence on TV. There are groups and market samples. This is only so many weeks in the year when journalism as the channel sched. Mick Jagger gets out of jail; when a perfect formula for dissecting the class system, or when you persuade five men accused of murder to break their silence, for that matter. The original reason for these

shows - to act as the hig background to the week's news - disappeared loog ago, when satellite, video and digital allowed the news itself to deliver rapid depth and analysis. Instead, all the big series, while not ignoring the big stories, found other roles, largely as investigative units, exposing corruption, describing social conditions and taking cameras to the sort of places that didn't turn up oo the oews bulletins.

Countless others attempted to repeat the trick, hut only a few permeated the national conscious-

ness for long, although This Week is still glorified – or vilified, to taste – for Death On The Rock, and First Tuesday for its campaign for the Guildford Four

Significantly, the Tonight modeltypified by US shows like CBS's Sixty Minutes - has done least well in the UK, ITV has been here before, amid an ocean of cash and hype on the unlamented Eyewitness from LWT Yorkshire's 3D was an attempt to create a similar vehicle - short reports linked by ITN's glamorous Julia Somerville. Its demise last year left little trace.

The BBC has played with the format, too, and came closest to sustaining the ideal with the zappy Here & Now, devised in large part by Steve Anderson, who is now ITV's driving force behind Tonight. (His brother Jeff is Tonight's editor.) Here & Now may have been the most satisfying of the kind but it, too, failed the impact test and was pulled off in the autumn.

ITV believes Tonight will succeed where these failed because - this time – the formula will be right. Thanks to the market testing and the 'lessons" learnt from docu-soap, it will try to feed back to the audience the kinds of stories the audience thinks it wants to hear, packaged in a way that entertains, but does not threaten, its aspirational appetites.

This is a definition of public service broadcasting founded on giving the public what they say they want, rather than attempting to define the public interest. Investigations into police corruption are a no-no, as the public prefers to trust the cops. Substantial stories about Ireland, politics and most of abroad are increasingly unlikely. Panorama will be publicly encouraged to do its duty and report on regional assemblies. the euro and multinationals, because that will widen public choice - and because such material further erodes BBC1's peaktime share.

All of this makes a kind of commercial sense, although the regulators at the ITC and the considerable institutional pride of Granada and ITN will want to hang on to as much credibility as they can. The hard act for them will be to keep convince the discerning viewer that they're still dealing with authorita-

Tonight's one-off show on the Lawrence murder was an editorial coup and a PR triumph, but it yielded an average of 4.77 million viewers, much lower than News at Ten got on a good night, and a great deal less than the six million or more that is Tonight's target. So what now for the public interest? Upbeat, lively, cheeky and entertaining, of course.

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THE WORD ON THE STREET

IT'S NICE to know moral relativism some things don't change. Like the oldfashiooed and hlinkered world view of The Daily Telegraph. The journalist Sarah Heim and her partner Jonathan Powell, who is Tony Blair's chief of staff, have just had their second child. Powell's secretary called the Telegraph's births, deaths and marriages to place the announcement. "Harrumph" came the fuddy-duddy reply: "We cannot accept a child with two surnames." This is what is widely known as a euphemism: only married people, it seems, have children in the pages of The Daily Telegraph.

TIM ALLAN, BSkyB's PR man, showed the benefit of his training in rapid rebuttal PR with the Labour Party, when the Manchester United decision was announced last week. Along with BSkyB's response - "We are still a great husiness... can't think why we wanted Man U in the first place... ooh no, we're all fine, honest..." - came a huge eightpage document containing 16 positive testimonials about BSkyB's plans. Business journalists' glowing remarks about the deal in print were

supporting statements from Alex Ferguson and Bohby Chariton. As PR they made pretty giveo the death of the deal. But if the Government had handed United to Sky, they might have

heen just what was needed to calm down some of the rage that would have followed. Which is no doubt what they were meant for. Oh hubris.

REVENGE IS a dish best served cold, as the International Olympic Committee is finding at the hands of investigative journalist Andrew Jennings. The IOC successfully sued Mr Jennings in Switzerland for writing about IOG corruption, a few years ago, and has been banning him from its press conferences. Now that the phrase "Olympic ideal" has come to be understood as standing for "a few thousand, untraceable, in a hrown envelope", Mr Jennings's time has come. This week he flies to Washington to give evidence to the Senate hearings into Salt Lake City's hid for the Winter Olympics. This is more than Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, has deigned to do. And yes Mr Jennings is feeling vindicated. And a tiny

Have I got ancient news for you amining and retracing the past shows no sign of abating. The ratings reveal that the past, whether in the form of DIY archaeology, jazzed-up history or serious documentary, is more popular

The higgest attention-grabber this year has been C4's Time Team, a Sunday-night show about amateur archaeology which has gained a 3.6 million audience-rating and a devoted fan-club numbering 25,000. The book of the series is at number three on the Sunday Times bestseller list, the channel has had massive demand for memorabilia, and it won an ciety awards last week.

new History Zone. Viewers will be able to watch a two-hour block of historical and archaeological programming, featuring shows such as One Foot in the Past and Meet the Ancestors, to complement Friday's Comedy Zone and Sunday's Animal Zone.

Even with the channel's pedigree, elevating documentaries of the Gulag to the same status as Hove I Got News For You and the antics of furry creatures, shows confidence in the pulling power of

Jane Root, BBC2's controller and the woman responsible for the BBC2 breaking new ground or just



award at the British Television So- Tony Robinson, the presenter of Time Team (right)

This Saturday BBC2 starts a recently become so sellable. "Lots of things have happened in the past 10 years or so that mean history is no longer dull and dusty," she says,

> "Programme-makers have become really good at storytelling, at narrative history, and now there's a feeling of taking part. Even 10 years ago it was considered impossible to show a programme about pre-20th century history. That has changed."

Ms Root, who took over at the channel late last year, announced at the time that "you can't afford not to be hrave on BBC2". But is History Zone, says history has only reacting to the ratings? "Run-

ning any channel, you do some brave things and others that build on past success," Ms Root says. "While with comedy we're pushing back boundaries, here the boundaries are about engaging

people in different ways." There's something reassuringly British about it. The British are by reputation a gentle nation, and there seems nothing more British than the idea of having a nice cup of tea while watching some people dig in a suhurban garden in the hope of finding a saucer dating from the 17th-century.

Paula Snyder of C4's Time Team says TV is responding to a general fascination with the past. "In the

run up to the Millennium, people are asking more questions about who we are and where we come from. It's fascinating to explain: all the bones and artefacts and bits of pottery have helped shape our destiny." Time Team has, in the words of Tim Taylor, the series producer, used "quirkiness" to make it attractive "Before, the tradition in televising archaeology was to get some wonderful expert who would talk down to the audience. The key with us was to do it live, and risk failure." The popularity of this approach speaks for itself: the show's website receives

 1.5 million hits after an episode. "To make compelling TV you find people using new techniques to illustrate history," says Jenny Barraclough of Mentorn Barraclough Carey, leading documentary makers. "And it's not just about the ancient past. How am 1 going to convey what it was like for someone in a trailer park in the 1960s American South, waiting for one of the first heart transplants? You get a figure sitting in a trailer park in a 1960s ambience. and maybe turn it sepia. The viewer expects these things, and it gives them an idea of the hnmans involved. The key is the anecdote: that's what works, and that's what's changed."

Mrs Barraclough used these techniques in NBC's popular His. tory of Ancient Civilisations. She

produced the programmes on the Ancient Greeks and the Menoans, and though the 1996 series won an Emmy, it was criticised for being overly populist, using extensive dramatic reconstruction and anecdote in documenting the ancient world.

"It hasn't played here, perhaps because it'a seen as too populist," she says. "But it's amazing NBC commissioned something like that. It was hrave of them, and it worked.'

There is, however, a fine line for broadcasters to tread between turning viewers off by sounding like a fifth-form history lesson, and trivialising the past by reducing it to a series of human-interest anecdotes. "The key is balance," says Jane Root, pointing out that the History Zone programming also features Into Africa, a series about the precolonial history of the continent.

The "Zone" packages are more marketing ploy than policy change, Ms Root admits. "Nowadays, with the multiplication of channels, you need to navigate your way around complex choices," she says. "We wanted to make it easier to find an element you can call your own." Through that logic, a prime-time Saturday night History Zone on state-owned television, in a nation consumed by its complex history, seems extraor-

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Right turn at 1 Farringdon

The sacking of a left-wing Guardian writer has sparked protests about the paper's politics. By Paul McCann

s demonstrations go, this was was a very peculiar one: a small group of striking Liverpool dockers · picketed the offices of The Guardian newspaper yesterday. Why? Because the paper had dismissed one of its columnists, a man whose support for the dockers - and for other unfashionable left-wing causes - has been unflinching.

The stand-up comedian Mark Steel has been contributing a weekly political column for the comment pages of The Guardian for two-anda-half years. Espousing Old Labour causes, his writing is trenchant and witty. In fact, the day that his first column appeared, the foreign secretary Robin Cook called Steel and asked if he would write gags for him.

His columns have since caused ruffles among The Guardian's senior executives - in particular, one supporting the strikers on London Underground's Jubilee Line "made them very cross", says Steel New Labour also found Steel's hard line difficult to swallow.

Bill Morris of the TUC objected to a column that Steel wrote about the union movement's treatment of the Liverpool dockers. (Steel wrote that Morris's version of trade unionism was bittle more use than the Yellow Pages, as they both seem to be able to help you get insurance and credit cards: "If your union cannot defend you against a ruthless employer, there is no point ringing Direct Line," he wrote.)

He quoted Morris's complaint that the journalist John Pilger had given the dockers "false hope" by laiming they could win, and accused him of being defeatist: "If Bill Morris had been at Agincourt his stirring speech would have been, 'I wouldn't bother going into the breach, boys. Have you seen the size of some of them French? Anyway, it's illegal to flare your nostrils'."

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, was even more unnappy with Steel's opinions of the Govern-

that Robertson was "stupid enough to believe his own bullshit", he was, he explains, pointing out that Robertson bas said that Saddam Hussein's planes could carry 300 litres of deadly anthrax: "Well," wrote Steel, "300 empty wine bottles could also carry 300 litres of deadly anthrax, if you put anthrax in them."

Steel now says that he feared something was up last September, wben the paper seemed hesitant about renewing his contract and talked about reducing the frequen-



cy of his contributions. He then wrote a piece of reportage for The Independent, which prompted The Guardian to offer him another sixmonth contract as long as he never wrote for The Independent again.

In January this year, David Leigh, the paper's comment editor, met Steel for 80 minutes at the Waldorf Hotel in London to tell him his services were no longer needed. "I remember him telling me that the paper was preparing to realign itself politically," Steel says of that meeting. "One of the problems with The Guardian is that it believes Tony Blair - that we're all becoming middle class." Leigh's coup de grace was, according to Steel, to tell him that "there are people at The *uaratan* wao consider you yui

last year. When the comedian wrote sent a letter of protest to The ing its back oo the old left.

Guardian's editor, Alan Rusbridger, This missive was not simply the work of activists and disenfranchised dockers: it included the names of regular and well-respected contributors to The Guardian and its sister paper The Observer, including Francis Wheen, John Pilger and Nick Cohen, together with Channel 4's Jon Snow and comedians Jo Brand, Phil Jupitus and Mark Lamarr. Even

volved in the issue. Unfortunately, The Guardian decided that the list of signatories on the letter protesting about Steel's dismissal did not merit its publication.

the general secretary of National

Union of Journalists has become in-

Last week, the newspaper tried to head off criticism by telling the Evening Standard's media diary that Steel would be replaced by the equally left-wing comedian Jeremy Hardy. This came as something of a surprise to Steel as Hardy was a very old friend from the stand-up comedy circuit, one of the signatories of the original letter, and, what's more, already a Guardian columnist,

It also came as something of a surorise to Hardy, who, it is believed, has now told The Guardian that he doesn't want the Steel slot.

The Guardian, however, rebuts

Steel's version of events. A spokeswoman for the newspaper explained: "There had been a discussion about the tone and style of a particular Mark Steel column. This was at the time when his contract was up for renewal, and inevitably we moved on to discuss that. At the same time, Mark asked us if he could do some pieces for The Independent's sports pages. We said that was fine, as there was no conflict. But his pieces appeared in The Independent's comment section (they were actually on our features pages | and we felt he had misled us. It is a surprise to us." she added, pointedly, "that he has organised this protest."

For those who marched on The Guardian's headquarters yesterday, it was not just about solidarity for a like-minded individual. They v When news of Steel's ousting reassurance that sacking Steel didn't

The Guardian



ment's bombing of Iraq in December began to circulate, his supporters mean that The Guardian was turn. A very peculiar protest: Mark Steel and supporters at the Guardian building yesterday evening. Steel's support of the Liverpool dockers was deemed too left-wing for the paper's editor, Alan Rusbridger (left) Peter Macdiarmid/PA

Do you read me, comrade?

In a time of war, the Internet has proved a useful contact point. But how

reliable is its information? By Charles Arthur

common aphorism among Internet geeks is that the network "treats censorship as damage, and just routes around it". That is, if you try to stop the flow of information, all that happens is that you get less information - but nobody else does. If the war in Kosovo is truly the "first Internet war", as is being claimed in some papers, bow does it measure up against the

geeks' rule of thumb? The early signs are: very well. Both newspapers and television have found that e-mail, especially, is a godsend when it comes both to keeping in touch with their journalists, and finding out what public opinion is like within the embattled territories both of Kosovo and Belgrade. The Web, similarly, has been a boon - especially to B92, an independent radio station which operated in Yugoslavia. Despite being stopped from broadcasting over the air on 24 March, it kept sending audio and video messages to a website - www.b92.net - which anyone with a Web browser could look at.

Clearly, the Serb authorities thought this was not good: on 2 April they shut down the station altogether, sealing the premises and dismissing the station's director. Sasa Mirkovic, by court order, replacing him with a new one chosen by the government-controlled Councal of Youth, which sounds like some-

thing named by George Orwell. The Internet has come to the fore in this war, principally by making it possible for correspondents and even ordinary citizens to keep in touch with their friends in the West. Universities and Serbian institutions have been thrust to the forefront, as Western media organisations have targeted them with emails in search of authentic-sounding vox pops from as close to ground zero as possible. They have got replies, too. Sky News discovered early on in the campaign that hundreds of people in both Kosovo and Belgrade were e-mailing the news channel with their views and feelings - finally demonstrating the value of satellite transmission

Yet is all this so very different from previous wars? Isn't the Internet just replacing the old ham radio - as satirised by Tony Han-cock, spending an age muttering at his radio set to a contact across the world before leaning back and declaring: "He says it's raining in Tokyo!"

with copy before this conflict started. But if you look on our website at www.iwpr.net we have a comment page, and I wouldn't trust 90 per cent of the remarks made there about what damage has and hasn't been done by the war." The geeks have a phrase for that too: on the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog.

However, The Express was quick to latch on to the possibility of e-mail as a source; The Independent, too, has benefited by publishing reports sent via the IWPR. Their first-hand



B92's website has been a boon to media contact with Kosovo

pendent on high technology and electricity, and as John Dowdney, foreign editor of The Mirror, told Press Gazette: "It's very difficult to know whether you can take these accounts at face value because there has been so much propaganda, particularly from the Serb side. and it's hard to check information

coming in that way." Duncan Furey, project officer at the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) agrees. A number of sources in the region have supplied the IWPR, set up in 1992, with reports during the war; those, he

trusts. Others he doesn't. "A lot of stuff that comes over the Internet is untraceable. We know the lines than would ever have spent another favourite aphorism

ited means of communication, de- accounts have the grainy texture of a war report, but without the distancing of emotion that is more familiar in war correspondents.

In that sense, the Internet offers far more, and to far more outlets, than ham radio - or indeed any former means of communication could. Even telephone conversations could not reach millions of people in the way that pictures or voices stored on B92's website can; and a single e-mail account cootaining 1,000 words takes far less telephone time to send than a picture, and can pass just as freely around the world's media via the Net. Even in Kosovo, far more people can afford computers and get access to phone individuals who were providing us money on a shortwave radio. That

means that, for a while, data could pass in and out of Yugoslavia far more easily than in any conflict in the past.

It couldn't last though, "Milose vic tends to operate via cronies, and one of these owned the Internet ser vice providers and the mobile phone network. It was only a matter of time before they were turned off," said Furey. "The Internet made a buge difference in the early stages of the conflict here. But I would not be sure of how far the Serbs in Belgrade even know those reports exist."

The reason, he explains, is that the Internet relies on phone access: "So, until everybody has access to a mobile phone that doesn't rely on a government-controlled network, this problem will remain." That day might not be far off: satellite mobile phone networks are already in place. For Western journalists, GSM mobile phones already do the job.

It's very interesting, even if fruitless, to speculate about what the Second World War would have been like | it for the first time ever from makif we had then had the current level | ing the toys. Tomy will just distribute of Internet saturation. Could it have the toys to shops through its distristarted? Would it have been contained? When the bombing started would the inhabitants of Dresden and of Coventry have been drawn closer? Or, more likely: would the two sides' propaganda machines have attempted to use each possible listener as a lever against their government, to try lo weaken any resolve?

What the Internet clearly cannot do is clear the fug of war. Even with the best, more ubiquitous mobile technology, each individual only gets a small picture of what is going on; and generals are usually in the dark about their opponents real movements. For the person on the ground, confusion will still be the rule. "The Net has made a marginal improvement to war reporting." said Furey "But you still need to know who's sending it, and how trustworthy they are.

Or as the geeks would put it - in garbage in, garbage out.

Coming soon: the 'Mr Darcy' shirt collection

ANALYSIS

PAUL MCCANN

THE BBC is becoming a toy company. That is to say, in its quest to squeeze ever more money from its programme spin-offs it is taking over the design, product development and the manufacturing of toys based on BBC programmes.

Last month it signed a groundbreaking deal with Tomy, the Japanese toy company which makes Tamagotchi, for Tomy to distribute Teletubbies and other BBC based tovs in the Far East, But, for the first time, it wasn't simply giving over control of its copyright and taking a fee while the toy company makes money from manufacturing and selling the products.

From now on, the BBC will develop its own designs for toys, negotiate with the manufacturers itself and, more importantly, take a profbution network.

It is a pattern which will be repeated in Australia, the UK and Europe when its existing licensing agreements expire, and then it will be extended beyond toys spun-off from children's programmes. The BBC envisions heritage wallpaper brands that it can design and develop, spun off from a costume drama. It has big plans.

"At the moment BBC Worldwide makes 40p in the pound from a sales made through a licensing agreement." says Jeff Taylor, BBC Worldwide's director of global marketing and brand development. "By taking on the design, development and manufacturing ourselves we should double that."

The phrase that the BBC is using for this development is "moving higher up the value chain", and is reflected in other areas of its com-

Last year the BBC announced a

joint venture with America's Discovery cable network to create a number of global channels using BBC programmes. In the UK it has entered into a similar deal with Flextech, to create the UKTV series of cable and satellite channels.

The rationale for these deals was explained by Sir John Birt last year, when he described how channels like Discovery and other upmarket American cable channels had become companies worth billions on

The BBC envisions heritage wallpaper brands that it can design and develop. spun off from a costume drama

the back of showing programmes hcensed from the BBC. While the BBC had made some money from selling programmes to these channels, it had missed out on the longer term value of having a stake in the channels showing them.

By creating joint venture companies, it is moving higher up that value chain in the sense that it has an equity stake in actual branded channels which have a value in themselves beyond the programmes they show.

Changes in the global business world have made it possible to get into the toy business without spending millions on start-up costs. It will buy in expertise oo the creative end, with toy designers and such like, but manufacturing and quality control can now all be supplied by outside companies. This is thanks to the growth of "outsourcing" so that services can be supplied by specialist agents and companies without the BBC carrying the cost or risks of setting up a division which actually owns plastic moulding equipment for

Equally, Tomy now distributes its rival Hasbro's toys in Japan, while Hasbro does the same for Tomy in Australia - such is the nature of global capitalism - so it is simple for the BBC to just plug into existing business systems where it needs to, without expanding too far out of its own core business.

Taking more direct control of product design and manufacturing also means that the corporation can ensure that everything carrying one of its own brands upon it hits a certain quality threshold - thereby protecting the corporation's overall image as an upmarket, quality hrand. It also plans to sign up to an ethical monitoring system, again something you can "outsource", as the ugly phrase has it, to make sure that its toy-manufacturing is not carried out by children or sweated labour in the Far East.

But this strategic move is not simply a decision based on ethics or protecting its image. Jeff Taylor forecasts that the revenues he makes from toys will rise from around £11m-£15m this year to £50m in three years' time.

Despite the changed business culture at the BBC, and a changed style of global business which allows the BBC to get into toy manufacturing, the move is not completely new. Since the 1920s the BBC has been in complete control of its production of the Radio Times, its most valuable spin-off, which is as far up the value chain as you can get. Its iust that now it can make things like toys and wallpaper - which stray much further from its core

High style comes home

From T-shirts to cover-mounted CDs, magazines just love to promote themselves. And Wallpaper* is no exception. Their latest effort? A house. By Richard Cook

Claire launched in the United Kingdom, the poster adverts asked "Who is Marie Claire?", as though the publication could be equated with a person. Editorial meetings at the National Magazine Company constantly ask what Cosmo woman should be wearing, or who she is sleeping with. The identity of the reader is fed out in parcels of merber feet to what novels she reads. The lads' mag Loaded has even got in oo the act. It flirted with a tasteful line in, well, pants, before actually settling down as a far more respectable sort of glossy boutique selling everything from sunglasses and sweatshirts to safari holidays.

The whole magazine merchandising craze has been taken to a new ievel by the high camp fashion bible Wallpaper*. Not for Wallpaper* the branded T-shirt or shopping bags favoured by Elle, nor the make-up and mascara offered by the likes of Mizz and Marie Claire. No, Wallpaper* is now proud to offer you, the devoted reader, the chance to acquire... the Wallpaper* house.

Now, Wallpaper* has many good qualities. It is the one high fashion magazine, after all, that doesn't take itself too seriously and it certainly isn't afraid of the hold and beautiful if ultimately meaningless gesture. How it stands as a purveyor of housing to the international sophisticate, on the other hand, is another question entirely.

From this morning, visitors to the



'Ever since we launched in 1996 we've always wanted to build our own house. This year, finally, we have' Tyler Brûlé

have an opportunity to find out, Today the specially designed Wallpaper* house opens. If you like it, you can order your very own version, not just to take home hut actually to be bome. After all, you've got the ultimate coffee table magazine, so why not go the whole bog and get the coffee table and living room to put it in?

Wallpaper* has simply eschewed the convectional merchandising gee-gaws - the videos, posters, calendars and screensavers that are

grandiose. The Wallpaper* house is a modest little 95sq-metre bungalow that can. explains its designer, the Swedish architect Thomas Sandell,

be built anywhere in the world.

Did I say modest? Actually that was a little disingenuous of me.
The woodeo-built house uses a specially developed wood effect wall material that allows light in. Bang & Olufsen are providing state-of-the-art hi-fi, while the kitchen and bathroom are being made specially by the design firms of Bossi and Cesana respectively. These are the sort of high-priced Italian taleot that make Vialli and Zola look like lightweights. And, get this, such is the attention to luxurious detail that even the door handles are made by Pomellatto, one of Italy's most extravagant jewellery companies.

Ever since Wallpaper launched in 1996 we've always wanted to build our own house. This year finally we have," explains the editorial director, Tyler Brûlé, with refreshing

Wallpaper* might have gone a little further than most magazine merchandisers, but then it has obeyed ooe of the goldeo rules of making a success of such things -It has been true to the persocality of the magazine.

Because the fact is that Wallpaper* inhabits a place all of its own: a glamorous yet kitsch place where James Bond is played by Jimmy Somerville and where even the Bond villains know their Missoni from their Molinari. It's a world where the cookery page can include a recipe for fruit salad - of ours like House Beautiful we



consists of two equally tough exbortations; first, that you shake your cocktails a little more vigorously; second, that you practise lipsynching Ultra Nate dance routines. This is exactly the sort of magazine that should be aiming high in the product merchandising stakes. Well, higher than Cosmopolitan's colour-

ful knickers, anyway.

"The most important thing in any magazine merchandising deal is that you have complete cootrol over everything that you do," says Anne Melbourne, the director of National Magazine Enterprises, and the woman respossible for all merchandising at the Cosmopolitan to Good Housekeeping publishing group, "And you have to make sure that whatever products you come up with stay true to the magazine's core brand values. So with a magazine fast becoming a staple of all our lives
-in favour of something a little more

"cut fruit into small pleces and offer a range of products we have chosen for the home, such as a com-

where the diet and exercise advice plete range of carpets. We also kit out two show homes completely at the Ideal Home Exhibition. But I think there are very few magazines that can support such a really large amount of merchandising activity. You've really got to be a market leader in your category and your magazine has really got to have a very strong personality."

But the rewards of successful merchandising deals are buge. The truth is that a successful merchandising deal for an eotertainment event such as a TV programme, or for a well-known magazine, can actually be a bigger business than the event or product itself. In 1997 the worldwide turnover of the licensing industry was \$132bn (£82.5bn). To put this into perspective, that represents one-eighth of the UK's gross domestic product. It's more than the GDP of South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Israel or Greece. Of that vast figure, the US accounts for 64 per cent. Western Europe 23 per cent and

Japan 10 per cent. The rest of the offer the readers something they world makes up the remaining rather titchy three per cent, suggesting that some two-thirds of the world's population is still available to purchase a novelty Christmas

and certainly we do that on FHM with our fashion title FHM Collections and books like The Bachelors Collections," explains Philip Thomas, the managing director of the market leading men's title FHM. "But the real difficulty and the danger comes if you are prepared to get involved in just about anything. If you just want to slap your name on something and pocket the royalties, readers will soon see through the offer. Worse still, they will im-

mediately start to think less of your

magazine. Any merchandising deal

gonk, or their favourite magazine's

range of knickers.

really want."

Wallpaper≠s impossibly glamorous home for the new millennium might fulfil both those criteria but, back in the real, rather less flamboyant world of magazine merchandising the choices are very

"The easy part is doing the sort of natural brand extensions – things like books and related magazines, 100 years old and none have ever been made available to third parties for merchandising in the past, so there is a huge opportunity," explains Agnes Kelly, head of merchandise licensing at the UK's largest maga-zine publisher, IPC. "But because there is for the first time a huge opportunity there has been the temptation for manufacturers to suggest all sorts of inappropriate merchandising matches. We couldn't do Loaded cornflakes, for instance, because there is absolutely no connection with the title and it would just put readers off, but it's the sort of

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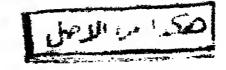
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NEW FILMS

BEDROOMS & HALLWAYS (15, 96 mins) Director: Rose Troche

Starring: Kewn McKidd, Jennifer Enle Bedrooms & Hallways, the latest offering from the This Life school of British film-making, sees Kevin McKidd's giddy Londoner being put through all manner of romantic hoops in the run-up to his 30th birthday. Kev's orientation arrow spins from gay to straight, his mates offer endless advice. and Simon Callow pops up as 8 New Agey men's group leader. Rose Troche's smooth direction

an often smug and lightweight script. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue. Claphom Picture House, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine. UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. Repertory: The Pullman Everyman

and McKidd's winsome acting compensate for

A CIVIL ACTION (15, 115 mins) **Director:** Steven Zaillian

Starring: John Travolta, Robert Duvall John Travolta's ambulance-chasing lawyer takes THE RED VIOLIN 115, 130 mins) a shot at redemption in this complex and frequently absorbing courtroom saga that nonetheless raises inevitable comparisons with Sidney Lumet's The Verdict. Culled from a true story. A Civil Action spins a David-and-Goliath-style drama, in which blue-collar locals go head to head with the big corporations who poisoned their water. Zaillian negotiates the legal intricacies with ingenuity. West End: Clapham Piclure House, Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE FACULTY (15, 104 mins) Director: Robert Rodriguez Starring: Elgah Wood, Shawn Hatosy

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Suciss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

HIGH ART (18, 101 mins) Director: Lisa Cholodenko Starring: Ally Sheedy, Radha Mitchell See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Curzon Soho. Ritzy Cinema, Screen NO (15, 85 mins)

Director: Robert Lepage Starring: Anne-Mane Cadleux, Alexis Martin

Lepage's third feature obliquely spotlights Quebec's push for independence in 1970 with an absurdist parallel narrative that crosscuts between the trials of a troubled actress and her activist boyfriend. But its fascinating elements fail to get its scenes unravel; its reach exceeds its grasp. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Barbican Screen

ORGAZMO (18, 90 mins) Director: Trey Parker

Starring: Trey Parker

Orgazmo looks like the love-child of Boogie Nights and Flesh Gordon: a gambolling send-up of the porn industry. Parker stars as a Mormonturned skin-flick-superstar. Robin Lynne plays the fiancee who stumbles upon his guilty secret. West End: Plaza

Director: François Girard

Starring: Samué' L Jackson, Greta Schochi Girard's daisy chain of historical vignettes follow the course of a cursed violin down through the centuries, Unfortunately, a thrift-shop budget leaves many of the period backdrops looking like cast-offs from a BBC schools programme. More crucially, Girard's bitty narrative leaves his film labouring in third gear throughout.

West End: Barbican Screen, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Local: Hampstead ABC

SLAM 115, 99 minst Director: Marc Levin

Starring: Saul Williams, Sonja Sohn Even if slam-poetry's clanking rhymes make you want to "slam" the perpetrator's head in a car door, Marc Levin's drama still carries an emotional force. Saul Williams plays an Afro-American Everyman, busted on a drugs charge before finding freedom of expression through his rap stylings. Levin's story is preachy and simplistic; earthy and earnest. Much like slam-poetry itself.

West End: Metro. Ritzy Cinema. Local: Holloway Odeon, New Stratford Picture House

GENERAL RELEASE

A liberal essay on right-wing fanaticism, this nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic (Edward Norton). But it does boast a stunning performance from Oscar-nominated Norton, West den Thum, Odeon K Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End.

suspicious about the antics of his outwardly respectable neighbour (Tim Robbins). West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

(U. 111 mins)

Eric Robmer's new romantic drama is airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine. West End: Chelsea Cinema, Curzon Soho, Renoir

predictability. With Alicia Silverstone and Brendan Fraser West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

CENTRAL STATION (15, 110 mins) Central Station trails Fernanda Montenegro's retired schoolteacher and her abandoned nine-year old charge on a hunt for the boy's missing father. West End: Curzon Mayfair, Gate Notting Hill.

Filmed using natural light, natural sound and a hand-held camera, Festen begins in a rush of pure, unfettered drama. Its rawness is largely contrived, but by the end you're too hooked to care. West End: ABC Panton Street

Renoir, Ritzy Cinema. Screen on Baker Street

DDS AND MONSTERS (15, 110 mins)

ee The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Screen on the Hill, The Tricycle Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road

HILARY AND JACKIE (15, 121 mins) Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustain wartsand-all biopic of the Du Pré sisters, Hilary (shy, married flautist) and Jacqueline (world-famous

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA E BELLA)

Roberto Benigni's comedy, in which the writer-Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Gate Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea,

MIGHTY JOE YOUNG (PG, 114 mins) Mighty Joe is a mutant gorilla, who hangs out in the African jungle with his Tarzan-type protector. Disney fluff, yet it boasts a ready charm that's hard to dislike. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mar-

Charles Laughton's 1955 drama hinges on a legendary bit of screen villainy from Robert as it charts the moral slide of a blue-collar racist Mitchum as a murderous preacher. West End:

Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

See The Independent Recommends, above, West End: Plaza, Warner Village West End

Plunkett and Macleane are rakish Dick Turpins Jake Scott offers noise and pop-promo visuals. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Notting Hill Caronet, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

(cartoon toddlers up to no good), a feature-length foray was always in the offing, kilds, no doubt, will eat this up. Adults should simply grin and bear it. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15, 123 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, The Tricycle

Cinema. And local cinemas TEA WITH MUSSOLINI (PG, 117 mins) Franco Zeffirelli's Teo with Mussolini ambles through its tale of dotty Brits (Maggie Smith. Judi Dench, Joan Plowright) adrift in Mussolini-era

THE THIN RED LINE (15, 170 mins)

Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to directing is a fabulous, fever-struck war film. A cast of familiar faces (John Travolta, George Clooney) play second fiddle to the creeping narcotic mood. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Haymarket. Local: Richmond Odeon Studio

WAKING NED (PG, 91 mins) dead. Cue a rattle-bag of comedic misadve ntures on the loot. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon West ble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, End, Virgin Chelsea. Repertory: Watermans

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15)

A droll speculation on the last days of 1930s horror auteur James Whale (Ian McKellen), who is magnetised by the alluring form of his Beverly Hills gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director Bill Condon won an Occar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Pleasantville (12) Two Nineties teenagers are

'sucked' into a facourite Fifties silcom and exert a dramatic influence on its conformist black-and-white

idyll (right). A witry parable about prejudice and change.

High Art (18) A portrait of the artist as lesbian screw-up. Lisa

Cholodenko's bitterly witty take on New York Iwing (and dying) boasts one of the performances of the year from Ally Sheedy,

The Faculty (15) Kevin Williamson does it again with this sci-fi tale of

alien invaders. Benutiful people, a sharp script. subversive morals, Piper Laurie... Why can't all teen films be like this? Shakespeare in Love (15)

This enjoyable, Oscar-laden historical comp suggests

how romance fired Shakespeare with the inspiration for Romeo and Juliet, Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Palirow (Best Actress) head an impressive east.

ANTHONY QUINN AND CHARLOTTE O'SULLIVAN

THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Good (Donmar Warehouse, London) Starring Charles Dance, CP Taylor's play about accommodations with conscience is revived in a sensitive production by Michael Grandage. To 22 Marc

Gross Indecency (Gielgud Theatre, London) The artfully fractured form of Moises Kaufman's compelling play about Oscar Wilde manages to present

the writer in all his complexity. Booking to 5 Jun

Forbidden Broadway (Jermyn Street Theatre, London)

Deliciously spiteful and tremendously funny selection of musical theatre spoofs (rigin) from Sondheim to The Lion King via Elaine Prige, To 16 May

Colombe (Salisbury Playhouse) Up-and-coming director Jonathan Church signs off at Salisbury with the characteristically hold and

imaginative choice of an Anouilh comedy set in Paris's theatrical demi-monde, To 17 April Uncle Vanya

(Mercury Theatre, Colchester) Gregory Floy stars in the Chekhov classic - the second leg of Alercury Theatre's brave experiment in forming a resident ensemble of actors for nine

months of the year. To 24 April

PAUL TAYLOR

THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Jackson Pollock (Tate Gallery) Big, revelatory retrospective for the wild hero of Abstract Expressionism (going on Old Master), legendary for his great drip paintings, but

virtually unknown here for 40 years. To 6 Jun

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. Men as icons of power; women as exquisite melanges of flesh and fabric. To 25.4pr

Henri Michaux

(Whitechapel Gallery) He travelled, He wrote. He took drugs. And, inspired by grief and mescalin, he created amazing, wobbly bobbly wibbly scribbly fine-

grain line drawings (right). To 25.4pr

Andreas Gursky (Dean Gallery, Edinburgh)

Photographs 1994-98; huge, panoramic, high-finish. micro-detailed, digitally manipulated images of our world - stock-exchange floor, cityscape, hotel fover, Visins of more than the eye can see. To 16 May

Antony Gormley's 'Field' (firstsite at Culver St. Colchester)

pint-sized clay men - obedient, expectant, menacing, and stopping dead in a line at your feet. To 3 May

CINEMA WEST END

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ABC SWISS CENTRE 5.30pm, 8 50pm Hideous Kinky 1,50pm, 4,05pm, 6,15pm, 8 35pm No 1,20pm, 3,10pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8,55pm La Vita è Bella 1,20pm, 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm

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AMERICAN HISTORY X 118, 119 mins)

And local cinemas

ARLINGTON ROAD (15, 117 mins) Mark Pellington's intriguingly staged paranoia thriller sees Jeff Bridges' college prof becoming

AN AUTUMN TALE (CONTE D'AUTOMNE)

BLAST FROM THE PAST (12, 109 mins) igh Wilson's Cold War satire begins promisingly enough, but it soon nosedives into brash

FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (15, 106 mins)

Local: New Stratford Picture House

cellist). West End: ABC Panton Street

(PG 116 mms) director stars as a clowning Jewish bookseller in fascist Italy. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Clopham. Notting Hill, Curzon Minema, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Mezzonine, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Frgin Haymarket. And local cinemas

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (15. 92 mins)

Revisiting the source that inspired John Boorman's Point Blank, this revenge thriller sends its double-crossed-and-left-for-dead anti-bero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to get his money back and to get even. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI

PLEASANTVILLE (12, 124 mins)

PLUNKETT AND MACLEANE (15, 101 mins) cutting a dash through 18th-century society. Plunkett (Robert Carlylet packs a pistol, while Macleane (Jonny Lee Miller) romances a debutante (Liv Tyler). Yet instead of a decent plot, director Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U, 90 mins) Given the small-screen success of the Rugrats

West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. Repertory: Riverside Studios

Tuscany. West End: Empire Leicester Square. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys. Repertory: Phoenix Cinema And local cinemas

Good news: Ned, a salt-of-the-earth resident of Tullymore, has won the lottery. Bad news: Ned is as two local scallywags scheme to get their paws UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas Arts Centre. And local cinemas

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PHOENIX CINEMA High Road, N2 10181-444 6789 Tea With Mussolini [PG) 3.35pm. 6.10pm.

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CINEMA CITY (01603-622047)

Very Bad Things (18) 2.30pm. 8.15pm The Acid House (18)

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terloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4] 2.30pm. [7] 3pm. £7.50-£30. 180 mins. SWISS COTTAGE WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604 ● ANIMAL CRACKERS Stage ver-3110) & Finchley Road Arlington sion of the Marx Brothers' classic from Road 9.35pm Blast from the Past the Royal Exchange Theatre. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 [0171-494 5045] & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. 11am, 1.25pm, 3.55pm, 6.25pm, 9pm A Bug's Life 11.20am, 1.40pm A Civil Action 1.15pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm The Faculty 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Madeline 11.45am Mighty Joe 10.50am, 1.25pm Payback 2pm, 4.25pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm The Rugrats Movie 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.40pm Shakespeare In (4)|7| 3pm. £9.50-£30. 150 mins.

● ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, and Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Charing Cross Road. WCZ (0171-369 1736) ← Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm. [4] 3pm. [7][1] 5pm. Co. 50. 572. 50. 90 micr. £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. Love 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm Waking Ned 12.40pm, 2.55pm, 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.40pm BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lav-

THEATRE

WEST END

Ticket availability details are for

today, times and prices for the week; running times include intervals.

— Seats at all prices I — Seats at some prices O — Returns only

Matinees — [1]: 5un, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5[: Thur, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

■ AMADEUS David Suchet stars

as Salieri in Peter Shafker's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-

494 5372/cc 494 5372] BR/O Wa-

version of the favourite fairy tale.

Dominion Tottenham Court Road,
W1 [0171-656 1888]

Flott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mins. ● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musi-cal melodrama, Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733)

ish family musical based on Disney's

O Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32,50, 165 mins. ABC)0870-902 0424] ◆ Walthamstow Central The Faculty 2.20pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm Les Miserales 8pm Payback 2.10pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.50pm. 4pm, 8.35pm The Rugrats Movie 6.20pm Shakespeare in Love 5.10pm BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the life of Buddy Bolly Strand Aldwych, WC2)0171-930 8800} wych, WC2 10171-930 88001 O Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur Bpm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£30, half price Fri mats. 160 mins.

BR: Walton-on-Tharnes A Civil Action 6pm. 8.30pm Elizabeth 2pm Little Voice 3.10pm Plunkett and Madeane 6.35pm. 8.50pm The Ruof TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street. WC2 (0171-405) 0072/cc 0171-404 4079 Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm.
[3[[7] 3pm. £10.50-£35, 165 mins. ODEON)08705-050007) BR/O Wimbledon/O South Wimbledon A

DCHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broadway musical. Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2

6.20pm. 8.45pm Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels 10am Mighty Joe 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm Payback 6.35pm, 8.50pm Plunkett and Macleane 1,15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenty-paced theatrical history lesson. Cricerion Piccadilly Circus, WI [0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Tonight 8pm. £10-£25, 120 mins.

● COPENHAGEN Drama from Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Catherine Street WC2)0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm. £10-£30. 145 mins.

● DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN Mark Little stars in this witty and wise comedy about the sexes. Apol-NSE CONICE AND AVENUE, W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc Circ, Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-5at 6pm & 8.45pm. £5-£25, concs available.

■ DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. London Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022] ◆ Hammersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 28 Aug. £12.50-£32.50, 150 mins.

THE GIN GAME Frith Banbury directs Joss Ackland and Dorothy Tutin in this sensitive and funny dra-930 3647) Camera Buff (NC) 5pm. 7pm Mizu No Naka No Hachigatma which centres around a lengthy game of Gin Rummy, Savoy Strand, WC2 [0171-836 B888/cc 836 0479] BR/ Charing X/Embankment. su (NC) 6.30pm, 8.45pm The Last Movie (NC) 9.15pm Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5)[7] 3pm, ends 5 Jun. £9.50-£27.50.

O GOOD Charles Dance in CP Taylor's deceptively humorous drama. Dommar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 [0171-369 1732) Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7, 30pm. [5][7] 3pm, ends 22 May. £14-£22,

● GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film starring Darren Day. Cambridge Eartham Street, WC2 [0171-494 5080] Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. }4)}7] 3pm. £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

• GROSS INDECENCY: THE THREE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE Michael Pennington and William Hoyland in Moises Kaufman's re-construction of the downfall of the celebrated playwright. Gle1gud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 [0171-494 50651 Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm

Magic (12) 6.30pm Buffalo 66 (15) 9pm [4][7] 2.30pm. £7.50-£29.50. AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2)0171-494 5085) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm,)4) 2.30pm, [7) 5pm. £12-£29.50. 110 mins.

■ MACBETH Rufus Sewell and Sally Dexter portray thwarted ambition. Cusen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040/cc 0171-344 4444) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (7) 2.30pm, ends 5 Jun. £10.50-£28.50. 140 mins.

O MAMMA MIA! New musical about a mother's reflections on her daughter's impending wedding day, accompanied by Abba's back catalogue. Prince Edward Old Compton Street. W1 (0171-447 5400) & Leic So/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 3pm. £15-£35.

THE MEMORY OF WATER on Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters. Vaudeville Strand, WC2)0171-836 9987) BR/O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5]]7(3pm. £8-£27.50. 120 mins.

Now Booking

directed by Anthony Page.

(0171-452 3000) from Fri

THE FIRST play for 15 years from Hanif

Kureishi (below), Sleep With Me is a tragi-

comic satire about friends on a weekend away,

National Theatre, Cottesloe, London SE1

LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue W1 [0171-434 0909) Pio: Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5]]7] 2 30pm. £7-£35 195 mins.

MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal. Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 30171 494 5060] ◆ Covent Garden Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £8 50-£35

● THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's evergreen whodunnit. St Martin's West Street. WC2 (0171-836 1443) → Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm. £10-£24.50, 135 mins.

OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lip man stars in the National's acclaimed production. Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2)0870-606 3446/cc 606 3446) \varTheta Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm |4|(7| 2,30 pm, ends 26 Jun. £10-£35, 180 mins.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket. 5W1)0171-494 5400/ cc 0171-344 4444) ♦ Picc Circ. Mon-5at 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm. £10-£35, 150 mins.

THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE Richard Dreyfuss and Mar-sha Mason star in Neil Simon's com-edy about a mid-life crisis. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) ⊕ Picc Grc. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. (4)[7] 3pm, £10-£32 50 ● RENT Musical inspired by La Bo heme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2)07000-211221) & Holborn/Tott

Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm £12,50-£32.50. 160 mins. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE DOLIVIER: Candide Voltaire's comic masterpiece, featuring an all-star cast, in rep, tonight 7,15pm, ends 22 May, Olivier: £8-£27, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000) BR/ Waterloo

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE BARBICAN: The Winter's
Tale Anthony Sper stars in this tale
of obsessive jealousy. In rep. tonight
7.15pm, ends 6 May.

THE PIT Goodnight Children Everywhere A teenage evacuee re-turns home after the death of his parents in Richard Nelson's moving drama, In 1ep. tonight 7.15pm. ends 27 Apr. 140 mins, Barbican Theatre: E5-E26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, ECQ [0171-638 8891] BR/ Barbican,

SACRED HEART Mick Mahoney piece in which two friends come to terms with their pasts and daunting futures. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WCZ (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7pm, ends 24 Apr. £10, concs £5.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring songs by the Bee Gees, London Palladium Argyll 5treet, W1 [0171-494 5020) ◆ Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm. £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

• STARLIGHT EXPRESS ADdrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, 5W1 (0171-416 6070) BR/9 3pm. £12.50-£30. 150 mins. SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER

Tennessee Williams' chilling tale of motherly love, starring Sheila Gish, Cornedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731] → Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5[[7] 4pm. £7.50-£27.50. THE WEIR Conor McPherson's

angels, Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) + Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm [4][7] 3.30pm. £5-£25. 90 mlns.

• WEST SIDE STORY New production of Bernstein's classic musical Prince of Wales Coventry 5treet. W1 (0171-839 5987) ⊕ Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5]|7(3pm. £18.50-£35. 160 mins. O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND

Lloyd Webber's musical based on the film of the same name. Aldwych Aldwych. WC2 30171-416 6000/ cc 0171-836 2428] + Holborn.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Su: Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Rus-sell Street, WC2 [0171-836 2238/ cc 344 4444) Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 3pm, (7] 4pm. £8.50-£23.50, 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON And Again... Monica Lissak's five-hander set in a London police station. 13-18 Apr. 1pm. £5, concs £4. Gob Jason Orange stars in this blisof art and culture. Tue-Sun 8pm, mats Graft and Culture Total Springer Sprin

LYRIC STUDIO Four-Hundred Joke with the Devil Tragi-comedy about one man's failed attempt to make an epic film about Mexico. Mon-5at 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, ends 17 Apr. £9, concs £5. King 5treet, W6 (0181-741 2311] & Hammersmith.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Blood Knot Athol Fugard's lucid drama apartheid and racism. Tue-Sun 7.45pm, ends 25 Apr. £10. concs £6. Crisp Ro (0181-237 1111) + Hammersmith.

BOX OFFICE

TRICYCLE THEATRE Up Against the Wall New black musical set in the 1970s. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Sat 4.15pm, ends 17 Apr. E8-Et 3.50. Kilburn High Road. NW6 (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn.

ends Sat

What is it? Laurence Boswell'6 imaginative and at times eccentric new staging of Shakespeare's tragedy in its London premiere at the Young Vic. against the backdrop of Es Devlin's striking black traverse set. The production is set to tour Japan in June.

Who's in it? Paul Rhys (right), a memorable Edgar in Richard Eyre's production of King Lear, gives an admirably pained performance as the fragile hero. With Donald Sumpter as Claudius, Suzanne Bertish as Queen Gertrude and Robert

Soanes as Polonius.

*THE INFORMATION ON Hamlet at the Young Vic

What They Say About it "Paul Rhys is most people's mental picture of the perfect Hamlet: pale, tall, willowy and haunted... No one since Mark Rylance has transmitted as well as Rhys a sense of the hero's spiritual sweetness," Paul Taylor, The Independent.

"Director Laurence Boswell injects some of the sharp-edged style and pace which made his production of Popcorn so waichable," Maeve Walsh, The Independent on

Sunday. With his delicate. curiously waxen face, Rhys is a hypersensitive Hamlet, stunned by his father's death and then heading into a fevered,



but never exaggerated breakdown." Kate Bassett, The Doily Telegroph. "One of the most convincing and inventive portrayals of the melancholic prince I have ever seen," Nicholas de Jongh, Evening Standard.

Where You Can See It Hamlet is at The Young Vic, The Cut, London SE1 (9171-928 6363) to 15 May SIOBHAN DOLAN

THEATRE

BASINGSTOKE
HAYMARKET THEATRE Shakers
Re-stirred Comedy about the lives
of four long-suffering waitresses.
Mon-Sat 7,43pm. £9,50-£15.50. Wote Street)01256-465566]

THEATRE ROYAL The Late Middle THEATRE ROYAL THE LATE MIDDLE Classes Harold Pinter directs Simon Gray's study of family conflict in 1950s England. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thut 2.30pm, 5at 4pm, ends 17 Apr £8,50-£18.50. Bond Street 191272-329499. 101273-328488)

BRISTOL HIPPODROME THEATRE Phantom of the Opera Tour of Lloyd Webber's hit musical. Mon-Sat. 7.30pm. mats Wed & Sat, 2.30pm, ends 22 May, £10-£30, concs available. St. Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

CANTERBURY MARLOWE THEATRE Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Biblical hit Mon-Thur & Sat 2 30pm & 7.30pm, Fri 5pm & 8pm, ends 24 Apr. £10-£21, concs avail-able. The Friars [01227-787787]

CHELTENHAM EVERYMAN THEATRE Perfect Pitch John Godber's adult comedy set on a caravan site. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, ends 17 Apr. £6.50-£15. Regent 5treet (01242-572573)

COLCHESTER MERCURY THEATRE Uncle Vanya Chekhov's Russian family tragi-comedy. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 24 Apr. £6.50-£15.50. Balkerne Gate [01206-573948]

YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE Vercigo Anthony Andrews and Jenny Seagrove star in this adapta-tion of the French novel which inspired Alfred Hitchcock's celebrated film. Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Frl & Sar, 8pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 24 Apr. £10-£21,50, cones available. Milibrook (01483-440000)

HARLOW PLAYHOUSE Oliver Lionel Bart's popular Dickensian musical Wed-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, ends 17 Apr. £6-£8. The High (01279-431945)

HIGH WYCOMBE WYCOMBE SWAN PIRATES OF PENZANCE Paul Nicholas stars in this swash-buckling reworking of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic. Mon-Sat 7.30nm, mats Wed & Sat 5t Mary's Street (01494-512000)

EICESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE The White Devil Paul Kerryson directs John Webster's classic Jacobean traged 13-16 Apr. 7.30pm, ends 30 Apr £6.50-£14.50, concs available Belgrave Gate }0116-253 9797]

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Colombi Jean Anouilh's stylish evocation of life in the Parisian demi-monde. 13 & 14 Apr 7 30pm ends 17 Apr FR-F15 althouse Lane (01722-320333)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON THE OTHER PLACE Oroonok Aphra 8ehn's Restoration nov adapted by Bivi Bandele, re-telling the tragic romance of the West African Prince. 13-17 Apr. 7.30pm ends 6 Oct. £t0-£20. Southern Land (01789-295623)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRI Othello Michael Attenborough directs Ray Fearon and Zoe Wa t3-17 Apr. 7.30pm. ends 7 Oct. £5-£39. Waterside |01789-295623

SWAN THEATRE Tales from Ovid SWAN THEATRE FAIRE FROM OND Tim Supple directs Ted Hughes' version of Ovid's sublime epic poem. 13-17 Apr. 7.30pm, ends 7 Oct. £5-£36, Waterside (01789-295623)

THEATRE ROYAL Persuasion He len Hobson stars in Mark Bealy' stage adaptation of Jane Austen' late, elegaic novel. Mon-Sat 8pm, mars Thur 2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm, ends 24 Apr. £6-£25. Thames Street (01753-853888)

DIRECTOR JONATHAN CHURCH signs off at

Salisbury with the characteristically bold

choice of Colombe (below), an Anouilh comedy

Salisbury Playhouse (01722 320333)

set in Paris's theatrical demi-monde.

EXHIBITIONS

HATH ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SO-CIETY For Most of It I Have No Words: Simon Norfolk Photographs from sites of 20th-century genocine. Mon-Sur 9.30am-5.30pm, ends 6 Jun. £2.50, concs £1.75. The Octagon Gal-leries, Milsom Street)01225-462841]

THEATR BRYCHEINIOG The Poems of Jules Laforgue: Patrick Caulfield Prints by the Pop artist. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. ends 18 Apr, free. Canal Wharf [01874-611622]

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary American Prints Etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and screenprints. Ends 2 May, free. Rembrandt and the Passion The

museum's collection of prints, Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm. ends 20 Jun, free, Trumpington Street (01223-332900) FIRSTSITE AT ROMAN HOUSE

Antony Gormley's Field for the British Isles Forty thousand terracotta figures, Tue, Wed, Fri-Sun 12noon-6pm, Thur 12noon-7pm, ends 23 May, Free by donation. Queen 5treet [01206-577067] **EXETER**

ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MU-SEUM The Art of Hilda Carline: Mrs Stanley Spencer Exhibition dedicated to the paintings of Spencer's first wife. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 3 May, free. Queen Street [01392-265858)

HERNE BAY MUSEUM AND GALLERY Andy Goldsworthy Photographs of struc-tures created from natural objects. Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, ends 15 May, free. William Street (01227-367368)

LEICESTER THE CITY GALLERY Lost and Found Sculptures by Mike Badger of the Las and sound by Paul Hemings of the Lightning Seeds, Tue-Fri 1 Iam-6pm, 10am-5pm, ends 8 May, free Granby Street [0116-254 0595]

ONDON DESIGN MUSEUM Mini: 40 Years of a Design Icon Mini's designed by celebrities mark the 40th anniversary of the vehicle. Ends 9 May. Modern Britain 1927-1939 In-

cludes works by Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Hepworth, Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4. Shad Tharnes 5£1)0171-378 6055] + Tower Hill. NATIONAL GALLERY Portraits by in-

gres Paintings and drawings by the 19th-century artist. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4. Orazio Gentileschi at the Court of Charles I Explores the English work of the 17th-century Italian artist. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm Wed 10am-9pm, ends 23 May, free. Rogier Van Der Weyden in the National Gallery Paintings bythe 15th-century Dutch master. Mon, Tue. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-9pm, ends 4 Jul, free. Trafalgar Square WC2 [0171-747 2885) & Charing Cross.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY Artists of the 1990s Photogram of artists including Damien Hirst and Chris Ofili. Ends 25 Apr. free. Milials: Portraits Major retrospec-tive of portraits by the Pre-Raphaelite artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 6 Jun. £4, con

E3. St Martins Place WC2 (0171-306 0055) & Charing Cross. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS lonet in the 20th Century Pain ings made after 1900, Mon-Thus 6pm, Fri 9am-11pm, Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 8am-6pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6, child [12-18] £3, child (8-11]

Et.50. Burlington House, Piccadill W1 (0171-300 8000) & Green Pari TATE GALLERY Works on Paper and Paintings: Francis Bacon Previously unknown works. Ends 2 May, free. Pharmacy: Damler Hirst Installation exploring medicine. Ends 2 May, free. Scrapheap Services: Michael Landy Mannequins. Ends 2 May, free. Jackson Pollock Major retrospective of the Abstract Expressionist's works. Ends 6 Jun. £7.50, concs £5, fam-

Turner's Last Papers 1820-51 Examines the paper Turner used for his later work. Ends 13 Jun, free. When Robots Rule - The One Minute Airplane Factory: Chris Bur-den Installation of flying planes. Ends 27 Jun. free.

ily £19 [Firstçall 0870 842 2233 +

Dangerous Liaisons: Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson The artists'shared ideas. Ends 11 Jul, free. Dangerous Lialsons: Rodin and Gwen John Explores the relationship between the artists. Mon-Sun 10am-

CITY ART GALLERY Twenty Great Outch Paintings Including work by Hobberna, Rembrandt and Vermeer. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-4pm, ends 13 Jun. free. [01703-832151]

TATE GALLERY images of Portmeor Beach: Lubaina Himid Work in progress by the resident artist. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 18 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

CLASSICAL

BRISTOL ST GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL Zenith A Beethoven Piano Trio and Dvorak Piano Quintet. Tonight 7.30pm. £6-£12. Brandon Hill [0117-923 0359]

HALL FOR CORNWALL Kim Brew-er The pianist plays Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. Tonight 8pm. Chopin and Liszt. Tonight 8pm. £7.50 & £10, concs £5. Back Quay

PURCELL ROOM Charivari Music marking the 350th anniversary of the death of Charles I. Tonight 7,30pm. £5.50 & £9, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/G Waterloo.

LITERATURE

RRIGHTON WOMEN'S CREATIVE WRITING GROUP An informal and supportive group for women only. The Women's Centre, Tonight 7.30pm, free. St George's Mews (01273-240044)

MYTH AND ROMANCE Panel dismyth And Roman Robel, Gregory Doran, Tim Supple and Adrian Mitchell Barbican: The Ptt. Tonight 5.30pm. £4.50, concs £2.50. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638) 88911 - Barbican.

MIMI KHALVATI The poet reads from herwork Going Loco , Tonight 7pm, free King's Road, SW3 (0171-352 8878) & Sloane Square. POETRY FOR THE FAR SIGHTED

£2.50, concs £2. Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street [01603-660352] DANCE

Platform for the East Anglian poets. Norwich Arts Centre, Tonight 8pm.

CORN EXCHANGE RIC Dance: Jus Eazy Contemporary reggae dance, Tonight 7.45pm, £8, concs £6. Market Place (01635-522733)

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS Cloud Gate Dance Theatre: Songs Of The Wanderers Blend of East and West dance styles in Lin Hwai-Min's piece loosely inspired by Herman Hesse's Sidhartha. Tonight 8pm. £7.50-£37.50. Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-863 8000) • Angel.

WIMBLEDON THEATRE Arc Dance Company Presents The Return of Don Juan Dramatic comedy with Royal Ballet star, Irek Mukhamedov. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 15 Apr. £7.50-£14.50. The Broadway, SW19 (0181-

COMEDY

THE FEZ COMEDY CLUB AT CADIL-LACS With Eddy Strange, Hal Crut-tenden and MC Noel Kelly. Tonight 8pm. £6, concs £5. Walcot 5treet

HEADLINE CABARET AT KOMEDIA Political satire with songs and sketch-es performed by Pier Playwrights South. Tonight 8pm. £2.50. Gardner 5treet (01273-647100)

PHIL COOL AT MERLIN THEATRE The rubber-faced impressionist back on stage. Tonight 7.45pm. £10, corcs £8.50. Bath Road (01373-465949)

THE COMEDY NETWORK AT THE TALK OF LONDON Star bill feature ing Frank Skinner, Jenny Eclair, Rob Rouse and MC Chris Addison. Toright 8pm. £12 Parker 5treet, WC2 (0171-771 2000) - Covent Garden.

CLUBS

CAMBRIDGE ESPIRITU AT THE FEZ CLUB House, hip hop and funk with Mr Wayne Perry. Tonight 8pm-2am. £4. cones £3. £1.50 before 10pm, free before 9pm. Market Passage [01223-519 224)

PINKYPOOS AT BABUSHKA'S Live acts presented by Gina and Angelica. Tonight 9pm-12mldnight. £4. Tavistock Crescent, W11 (0171-727 9250] O Westbourne Park.

FEET FIRST AT CAMDEN PALACE Big beat, indie and live music thrashout Tonight 10pm-2am. £5, concs £3. Camden High Street, NW1 [0171-387 0428] & Camden Town.

LUSH AT THE VELVET ROOM

House, garage, Miami bass, jungle and R&B. Tonight 9pm-3am. £5. Charing Cross Road, WC2 [0171-439 4655] & Tottenham Court Road. IN FOR A QUIO AT THE O CLUB Party tunes old and new. Tonight 10pm-2am. E3. Chatsworth Road

(01903-609000)

EVENTS

VAISANHI FESTIVAL SONGS Ages 3-12 can celebrate the Vaisakhi festi-val with songs from the Sikh Scriptures. Nehru Gallery: Victoria & Albert Mu-seum Today 2pm-3pm. £5. concs £3, child free. Cromwell Rd, SW7 (0171– 938 8638) & South Kensington.

ZIPPO'S CIRCUS All the magic of a traditional circus, complete with the beautiful Palomino horses. Shooters Hill Today Spm. £5.50-£12, child £3.50-£10. Shooters Hill, SE3

MUSIC

ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN, AN-NIE CHRISTIAN Ian McCulloch's revived Scousers hit the road again. The Dome. Tonight 8pm. £12.50. phone for prices. Church Street [01273-709709)

CAMBRIDGE
THE DAMNED Dave Vanian's Hammer Horror veterans. The Junc-tion. Tonight 8pm. £11, Clifton Road (01223-511511)

PISCON The New York punk-metal combo tour the album, Sell Out. Army & Navy Hotel . Tonight 8pm-E5. Parkway (01245-262424)

SHAKIN' STEVENS, LINDA GAIL LEWIS The Welsh rock'n'roll re-vivelist is joined by Jerry Lee Lewig little sister. White Rock Theatry Tonight 7.45pm, £13.50-£15.50, White Rock (01424-781000)

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART The South African a cappella ensemble return for 8 UK tour. The Regent. Tonight 7pm. £20-£22.50. St Helens Street [01473-281480] OCEAN COLOUR SCENE The big-

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO,

selling Brummie Britpoppers and pals of Paul Weller Corn Exchange. Tonight 8pm. phone for prices. Market Place [01553-764864). . . LONDON FUN LOVIN' CRIMINALS The NYC

rock and hip-hop fusioneers. The Fo-rum . Tonight 8.30pm. £15. High-gate Road, NW5 (0171-344 0044) BR/O Kentish Town. URBAN SPECIES Funky acoustic grooves with a trip-hop edge. Jazz Café. 13 & 14 Apr. 8.30pm. £12: Parkway, NW1 [0171-916 6060]

Camden Town.

THE RANKINS, HANK DOGS Tough Celtic roots music from the new album, Litorooted Royal Festival Hall Topich 8pm. £12.50-£16.50. South Bank, SET (0171-960 4242) BR/ Waterloo.

UB40 The veteran Brum pop-reggie w outfit. Wembley Arena. To 8pm. £16.50-£18.50. Empire Way. mbley, Middlesex (0181-902 **PORTSMOUTH**

RUNRIG The Ceitic rock legends, return, with Canadian Bruce Guthro on vocals. The Guildhall. Tonight 8pm, £16.50. Gulidhall 5quare (01705-824355) READING SOLID SILVER SIXTIES SHOW

Nostalgia package with Peter Noone, Freddie & The Dreamers, Billy J. Kramer and Brian Poole. The Hexa-

gon . Tonight 8pm. £14.50-£16.50. Queens Walk [0118-960 6060] MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK :

NITIN SAWHNEY The trendy Indo-dance guitarist. Jazz Cafe. 13 & 14 Apr. 9pm. £12, £10 in adv. Parkway. NW1)0171-916 6060)

KENNY GARRETT QUARTET The internationally feted modern and. contemporary saxist. Pizza Express Jazz Club Mon-Sat 9pm, £15. Dean 5treet W1 (0171-439 8722) O Tottenham Court Road.

SALENA JONES The ever-popular Braodway cabaret artiste. Pizza onthe Park. Mon-5at 9.15pm & 11.15pm. ends 24 Apr. £18. £16 in adv. Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-2355273) Hyde Park Corner. JOE LOVANO The US tenor sax.

heavyweight in his uncompromising trio setting, Rourie Scott's, Mon-Sat. 9pm & 11.30pm, ends 24 Apr. £15; mems £4. Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) O Leicester Square. ERIK TRUFFEZ/MARGQUE GILMORE Interesting mix where contemporary jazz meets triphop. The Spitz . Tonight 8.45pm, £7.50.

Commercial Street E) (0171-392-9032) BR/O: Liverpool Street. STILL WATERS Acclaimed co. starring the veteran left-field trumpeter Henry Lowther Vortex. Tonight 9pm. £6. Stoke Newington. Church Street, N16 [0171-256

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PICK OF THE DAY

picked up rave reviews from preview screenings of Notting Hill, the eagerly awaited follow-up to Four Weddings and a Funeral. By all accounts, he again delivers his patented diffident Englishman character, but why change sumething that has served him so well over the past few years? He did not deviate too far from that type in Extreme Measures (11.45pm Sky Premier), a tense thriller directed by Michael

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HUGH GRANT (right) has already Apted. Grant plays a principled doctor who begins to suspect a colleague rthe always impressive Gene Hackman) of sinister actions in the field of medical experimentation. Sarah Jessica Parker, star of C4's much-hyped Ser and the City, co-stars. Is there a keeger rivalry in world sport than India vs Pakistan (12 noon Sky Sports 21 at cricket? The two sides meet today in the Coca-Cola Cup in Sharjah. JAMES RAMPTON

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5.00 Wish Me Luck (6957348) 7.00 How's Your Father? (1894706) 7.30 The Odd Couple (1700313) 8.00 Fathers (049684) 8.30 Mnd Your Language (1048955) 9.00 Classic Coronation Street (175435) 9.30 Emmendale (586042) 10.00 Upstairs Downstairs (170597) 11.00 Charle's Angels (1882971) 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (1042771) 12.30 Emmerdale (5340059) 1.00 Mnd Your Language (1893017) 1.30 Me and My Girl (5349329) 2.00 Upstairs Downstairs (827059) 3.00 The Love Boat (18939513 4.00 Professoonals (1905075 5.00

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(24889226), 8.00 Premet Shooker League
(93222684), 10.00 Superbours Harry Arroyo v
Terrence Ali 1933/46/9, 11.00 Tales from the
Premership One-Nt Wanders (43290/10), 11.30 SKY SPORTS 3

THT CLASSIC MOVIES TNT CLASSIC MOVIES
6.45 The Day They Robbed the Bank of England" (1960) (47699.135) 8.15 Fippers New Adventure (1964) (46066139), 10.00 The Long, Long Trailer (1954) (76236771), 11.45 Million Dollar Mermad (1962) (803445), 1.45 The Pirate (1948) (88370058) 3.30 Arena (1953) (45273313), 5.00 The Day They Robbed the Bank of England" (1960) (5)643394, 7.00 Bachelor in Paradise (1961) (46080394), 9.00 Skyjacked (1972) (30229597), 11.00 36 Hours' (1964) (80827240), 3.15 Skyjacked (1972) (7025553), 5.00 - 7.00 Adventures of Tartu" (1943) (39821240).

TROUBLE DIGITAL ONLY FROM GODAM - 700AM AND VH-1 DIGITAL CNLY FROM 600AM - 700AM AND 800PM - 12MIDNIGHT 6.00 Ready or Not (7530435), 6.30 Echo Pont (556437), 7.00 Trouble at Breaktast (700-800am): Luce and Jason host crazy features and competitions with cool prices USA High (393980), 7.30 City Guya (3016597), 8.00 Saved by the Bel - the New Class (7029936), 8.30 Hang Time (7123435), 9.00 Tempesti (129232), 9.50 On the Malo (1958348), 10.00 Echo Pent 5482391, 10.30 Holloweks 17030771, 11,00 Sweet Valley High (650139). 11,30 Ready or Not (65185) 12,00 Fresh Prince of Bei Air (7021023), 12,30 Werd Science 5095706, 1,00 in the House (78296), 1,30 Tempesti (7757058) 2,20 On the Make

1872/TIOS), 2.30 Hobycales (ISTIZIS), 3.00 Ready or Not (667340), 3.30 Cky Guys (ISTIGEA), 4.00 Fresh Proce of Bel Art (176248), 4.30 Weyd Science (1733555), 5.00 In the house (697145), 5.30 Saved by the 5-cl - the New Class (1875145), 8.00 Sweet (Juley High (167058), 6.30 Rush Climbing (876965), 6.45 Bangs (1906-69), 7.00 USA High (16864-81), 7.30 Hang Time (173934), 8.00 Tempesti (1934-597), 8.50 On the Marke (19571-5), 9.00 City Guys (1736503), 9.30 Saved by the Sel - the New Class (1900-12), 10.00 Hobycals (170271-2), 10.30 USA High (1031403), 10.00 Hang Time (1748348), 11.30 Echo Point (5-71023), 12.00 Close.

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UK HORIZONS 7.00 Now Get Out of That (80:95303) 7.30 The Great Egg Race (\$903170 8.00 The Living Isles (\$34:67871 8.30 The vanessa Shaw (1464:699) 9.30 Esther (\$74:0481) 10.00 Animal Hospital Roadshow (\$905771) 10.30 Lett. Country (225:3394) 71.00 Years Apair (\$0:90058) 12.00 2252394, 11.00 rears Apart (3092058) 12.00 Plastic Familiatic (319574) 12.30 Living in the Past (8759571 1.00 Savagery and the American Indian (8749752) 2.00 Childrens Hospital Special Edition (8739769) 2.30 Childrens Hospital Special Edition (874969) 2.00 999 Lifesavers (226954) 3.30 Estirer (9743936) 4.00 The Vanessa Show (8599706) 5.00 Animal Hospital Roadshow (5783049) 5.30 Lion Country (9248435) 8.00 I Caesar (883316) 7.00 Supermatural Science (8242017) 8.00 Hippos cul of Water (3883416) 8.30 The Purian Body (841965) 10.00 Mistresses (8421348) 11.00 Top Gear (371 (8900023) 12.00 Tomorrows World Plus (4965646) 1.00 Close

UK STYLE UK STYLE
7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook (809996).
7.30 Style Challenge (891256); 8.00 The DIY
Show (234815); 8.30 Style Street (234715);
9.00 The Lesure Hour (549729); 10.00 Rough
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Cook (900952); 1.30 Wine World (975223) Change That 8733955, L00 Can't Cook, Wor't Cook 8098230, 1-30 Wine World 8752226, 2.00 Style Street (897897, 2-30 Gardening Neighbours (8246077), 3.00 The English Country Carden (2436972, 3-30 Thatis (945393, 4-00 Voyage (223728), 4-30 The House Doctor (953313), 5-00 Home Front (2883067, 5-30 The House Detectives (914865), 6-00 Off the Beaten Track (8447706), 6-30 Gardeners World (8238058), 7-00 Antiques Roadshow (8434435), 8-00 Style Challenge (198431), 8-30 Style Street (7364/28), 9-00 Changing Rooms (2567348), 9-30 Good Living (846668), 14-00 The Antiques Show (2349961), 10-30 The Terrace (225481), 11-00 Antiques Roadshow (9004461), 11-2-00 Stetants Garden Roadshow (9071658), 12-230 The Flower Show (2389578), 1-00 Close

VH-1
8.00 Power Breaklast (33358077), 8.00 Pop-Up Video (37270856), 9.00 VH-1 Upbeat (96686348), 12.00 Ten of the Best: Tina Turner (8274435), 1.00 Greatest Hits ot, Calma Dun (7020890), 1-30 Pop-Up Video (1916777), 2.00 Jukebox (47025436), 4.30 VH-1 to 1: Blondie (30158844, 5.00 Five at Five (65342936), 5.30 Pop-Up Video (30108936, 6.00 Divas Happy Hour in New York City (19270619), 7.00 VH-1 Hits (47945955), 9.00 Tins is Celine Dion (93500395), 6.00 Behmd five Masse. Battle Middle 10.00 Behind the Music - Bette Middler (9350346), 11.00 VH-1 Spice (1791136) 12.00 VH-1 Filpede (5203153), 1.00 The VH-1 Album Charl Show (87787998), 2.00 - 6.00 VH-1 Laie Shift (47089424).

12.30 The Flower Show (2399579), 1.00 Close

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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Minutes (#16) 11.20 Central News (807868) 11.30 4.00 Sport Classes (35442676) 4.20 Coach Renegate (#6042) 3.50 Jobinder (6#6268) 5.20 (3842675) 4.45 Soundira (7436569) 4.50 Mightscreen (3372820) 4.50 Mightscreen (3372820) Meridan Metch Nation Nati HTV WEST As HTV Wales except: 5.30 Can You Keep a Secret? (39) 6.00 HTV News (752) 7.30 West

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a full sports round-up 1100 News and

8.00 Nick Barley 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00

Smooth Classics at Seven 9.00 Evening

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nich SO/Douglas Bostock, Moeran: Symphony Ulster Orchestra/Vernon Handley.

Gordon Jacob Symphony No 2. Munich

SO: Douglas Bostock, Vaughan Williams:

Variations for Orchestra, Munich SO. Dou-

glas Bostock. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00

Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Gnffiths.

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6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Russ Williams

Scott/AM Pete and Geoff, 7.30 Pete and

Georf 10.00 Gary Davies, 1.00 Richard Allen, 4.30 - 6.30 Phil Kennedy.

1.00 The World Today, 1.30 Discovery.

3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 In-

sight. 4.00 The World Today. 4.20

6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David

Chisholm and Sally James 12.00 Crime-

highters. 1.00 Anna Raeburn - Live and

bank's People. 8.00 Chealing Hearts with

Javne Irving, 10,00 Jamaa Whale, 1,00 -

Direct 4.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eu-

Banks & Nick Ferran. 9.00 Scott

1.55 My Century. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 On Screen. 3.00 The World Today.

Sports Roundup 4.30 . 7.00 The World

1.00 Nick Abbot, 4.00 Harriet Scott,

6.45 London Calling with Harnet

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

Jamie C1K+ 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00

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5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

1.00 Up All Night.

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VIRGIN RADIO

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Today (430-700).

TALK RADIO

6.00 Ian Collins

Fiction (416) 11.20 Westcountry News (807868) 11.30 Renegade (317702) 12.35 The Haunted Fishtank (2197849) 1.05 Jerry Springer (371037) 1.50 Judge Judy (3050725) 2.90 Wish You Were Here...? (232733) 2.40 McCaloways Way (4006191) 3.05 Football League Extra (353269) 4.00 TV Sport Classics (3542676) 4.20 Coach (3942612) 4.45 Soundray (2361559) 4.50 TV Nightscreen (3372820). YORKSHIRE

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RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY



7.00 NEWS: The Archers. 7.15 Front Row. 7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady. By E M

Detafield, dramatised by Jane Rogers. The everyday 1930s journal of how to run a household and still keep your sanity With Imelda Staunton and Richard Hope. Director Clive Brill (7/15). 8.00 NEWS; File on 4 Special. Euro

Sleaze - the Missing Millions'. After the European fraud crisis, Richard Watson investigates the extent of financial abuse in Brussels. Can the Commission ever get to grips with the culture of corruption? 8.40 in Touch. Peter White with news for visually impaired people.

9.00 NEWS; Case Notes. 'Cardiovascular System', Graham Easton takes a look at the heart and the circulatory system. 9.30 Between Ourselves. Olivia O'Leary talks to two people who have had similar experiences. In this programme, two surrogate mothers discuss the experience and the ethics of having a baby for a childless couple.

10.00 The World Tonight. 10,45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel Robert Harris's thiller read in ten parts by Alan Howard, 7: Fluke Kelso and journalist R J O'Brian are a couble of hours ahead of the Russian secret service in their race to find the old who loved Josef Statin. HLOO NEWS; The Now Show. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis host more stand-up

comedy, sketches and songs. With Dan Freedman, Nick Romero, David Ouantick,

12.48 Shipping Forecasi 1.00 As World Service 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecasi 5.45 Prayer for the Day

11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament. **RADIO 5 LIVE**

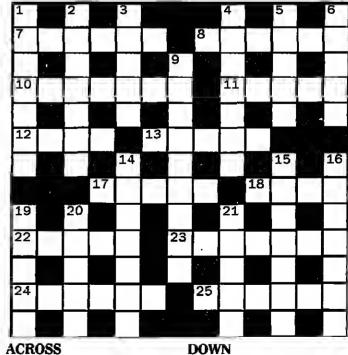
9.00 Nicl y Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ian Payne 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Exite 7.30 The Tuesday Match Russell Fuller presents coverage of the night's top league aciron. Fixtures include Buty v Sunderland and Port Vale v Bradford in

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service 12.00 -12.04 News Headlines: Shipping Fore cast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast.

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CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3895 Tuesday 13 April



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17 Oak mast (5)

Took over unlawfully (7) Horse race (5) Plume (7) Paces (5) Furious (5) Result of excessive expo-

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sure to heat (9) 14 Blood-red (7) 15 Brooding (7) 16 Fish-hawks (7) 19 Frighten (5)

20 All the same (5) 21 Evade (5)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Peeler, 4 Belles (Peal of bells), 7 Interdict, 9 Find, 10 Espy, 11 Auger, 13 Brutes, 14 Titter, 15 Retail, 17 Recent, 19 Synod, 20 Knob, 22 Also, 23 Necessary, 24 Ransom, 25 Scorch, DOWN: 1 Prefab, 2 Lend, 3 Rhesus, 4 Budget, 5 Lice, 6 Slayer, 7 Induction, 6 Testse fly, 11 Aegis, 12 Riked, 15 Rakish, 16 Lyceum, 17 Roasts, 18 Though,

RADIO 1 (97.6-99.8MHz FM) 6:30 708 Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo, 12.00 Jo Whiley. 3.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 News beat. 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Steve Lamaco, 10.00 Digital Update. 10.10 John Peel. 12.00 The Breezeblock, 2.00 Cive Warren. 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mils. RADIO 2

Party (582665), 10.05 Animal Police (952936).

Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales (682665).

As 88C1 LONDON & SE except: 8.30 Vales Today (SS), 9.00 News; Regonal News; Weather (5752), 9.30 Party Election Broadcast by

BBC1 WALES

(88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan, 9.30 Richard Alinson, 12.00 Jimmy Young, 2.00 Ed Stewart, 5.05 Johnnie Walker, 7.00 Carl Davis Class 8.00 Nigel Ogden. 6.00 Wall Street Blues. 10.00 Whicker's New World. 10.30 Lynn Parsons. 12.00 Katrina Leskanich, 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

12.00 Composer of the Week: J C Bach. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. The second of eight recitals given last year at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, teaturing music with a strong American blas, Introduced by Chris de Souza, Lyric Quartet, William Hawkes (viola). William

Bolcom: Three Rags, Garshwin: Lullaby. Dvorak: String Quartet in E flat, Op 97. (R) 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. Beethoven: Symphony No 5 in C minor. Conductor Vassily Sinaisky. Brahms: Violin Concerto in D. Conductor Yan Pascal Torteler, Leonidas Kapakos (violin). Enescu: Sym-4.00 Voices. The First World War marks

9.30 Postscript. Five programmes celebrating and reassessing the poetry of Seamus Hearney in the week of his sixti-eth birthday, 2: "Whatever You Say, Say Nothing". A consideration of the way Heaney has reflected the troubled politics

of Northern Ireland. 9.50 Mass in Time of War. Two moters by Kodały, and his 'Missa brevis', written while the composer hid in the cellar of a Budenest convent during the darkest days of the Second World War. Conductor Simon Joly, Margaret Phillips (organ). Pange lingua; Leudes organ): Missa bre-

11.00 Night Waves. How can a country composed of the perpetrators and victims of genocide create a cohesive society? That is the question at the heart of Phillip Goursvitch's chilling account of conflict in Rwanda and its legacy. Richard Coles talks to Gourevitch about his account of the pyschological and political challenges of survival. Plus a review of tonight's opening of Trevor Nunn's production of 'Candide', adapted from Voltaire with

11.30 Jazz Notes. More from the Best of British Jazz Band, with singer Annie Ross. 12.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. RADIO 4

(924-946MHz FM) 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Between Ourselves. 9.30 Song Lines. (R) 9.45 Serial: Choice Chatwin 10.00 NEWS: Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Tales from the Back of Bevond.

11.30 How Tickled Am I?. 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 12.57 Weather 1.00 The World at One. 1.30 The Musical Side of the Family. 2.15 Afternoon Play: Summoned by

3.00 NEWS; The Exchange: 0870 010 3.30 A Name to Remember 3.45 This Sceptred isle. 4.00 NEWS; A Good Read. 4.30 Shop Talk. 5.00 PM. 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock Naws.

6.30 fm Glad You Asked Me That.

CONFUSINGLY SCHEDULED just

before the second instalment of the Bruce Chatwin tribute, Song Lines (9.30am R4) is, in fact, a study of popular songs: today, Tony Benn (right) discusses "The Red Flag". In How Tickled Am I? (11.30am R4). the history of northern comedians continues with Jimmy Clitheroe, at 4ft 2in, Britain's shortest comedian and a man who gave new meaning to the term "emotionally stunted". DOMINIC CAVENDISH

Jane Bussmann and guests 11.30 Talking Pictures. 12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book Earthly Joys.

5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today **RADIO 4 LW**

(693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Break (35)

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THE TUESDAY REVIEW
The Independent 13 April 1999

TELEVISION REVIEW HANKS

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"estuary English" spoken by too many members of the cast. There is some common sense in this – It's clear that a lot of young sctore simply can't do posh in the way that they used to – mixed up with a snobbish assumption that classee and their vowets are eternal. I would guess that there is a fair gap between the way a young Victorien gentleman sounded and the way John Mille talked when we played Pip in David Lean's omplains that he got it wrong Still, the fact is the structure of the still the stil

Creat Expectations, but nobody complaine that he got it wrong. Still, the fact is that Thackeray and Dickens both described 19th-century thoughts, and, as the 20th century fades out, it is sometimes difficult to find plausible equivalents. You can see this in BBC2's new two-part version of Grent Expectations, which started lost night.

Pre-publicity had latched on to the cesting of Charlotte Rampling as a faryounger, more glamorous Miss Havisham than we're accustomed to. In fact, as far as age and appearance goes, Rampling is ideal – the chromogy is not obvious, but it seems pretty clear from the hook that she can't be nearly as old as she seems to young Pip. Any controversy here will have more to do with the appropriateness of the performance, with madness indicated by drooping eyelids and quizzical, monkeyish moue. Elsewhere, we see solid British character actors doing whet we expect: Ian McDiannid brusque and solly menacing as the language of the performance of the

what an adaptation needs and what an adaptation needs and what an adaptation needs and what you sometimes have to settle for, best illustrated by the children in the early part of the children in the early part of the story. Real modern children look a little too well-fed for the pinched orphans that inhabited Dickens's imagination, and that's the case for Gabriel Thomson's dickens's imagination, and that's the case for Gabriel Thomson's dickens's in amazing, walking and talking with a precocious diguity and unselfconscious absurdity thot is utterly trus to Dickens's conception. Butjustae surely and in the is right, the young Estella, dernma Gregory, is wrong—she has a knowingness and, when she has a knowingness and, when she has a knowingness and, when she has to sing, a pop-influenced way of scooping the notes that were clearly born of the 1990s.

The worst piece of casting must be Tony Curran, the lusty, red-curled plumber of This Life, who here plays the malcontent blacksmith's journeyman Orlick in the book. Orlick is defined by resentment—he desires what others have; what Curran of expresses is a much more uncel-

expresses is a much more modern idea, the existential rage of somebody who has no desires.

Still, the very fact that Ortick is present is a point in favour of Tony Marchant's ndaptation.

Pip's nemesis in the book, the counterweight to his rising fortunes, Orlick ims been altogether omitted from previous versious. You can tell Marchant has gone back to the source and thought in the counterweight of the cou omitted from previous versions. You can tell Marchant has gone back to the source and thought things through from first principles. The second half is tonight, and perhaps there'll be room to return to it tomorrow; in the meantime, this looks a flawed, uneasily intelligent Dickens. And at the and of the 20th century, that may be all we can look for

BBC1

6.00 Sueiness Breektse1 (59435). 7.00 News (T) (28232).
5.00 Kilroy (S) (T) (8098690), 6.45 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (S) (T) (714885). 10.15 The Vanees Show (S) (T) (5349854). 11.00 News; Regional News; Westher (T) (5886394). 11.05 City Hospital (S) (T) (9096023). 11.55 News; Regional News; Westher (T) (4045446). 12.00 Going for a Song (S) (6933333). 12.25 Wipsout (S) (9839918). 12.50 The Westher (T) (38619). 1.30 Regional News and Westher (58924400). 1.40 Neighboure (S) (T) (1982567). 2.05 Ironalds (R) (1070955). 2.55 Through the Keyhole (S) (T) (2039110).

25 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (8476394). 3.45 Arthur (S) (2536232). 4.10 Rugrats (R) (S) (1380416). 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyda (R) (S) (6843706). 4.35 G Force (S) (747138). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (5403938). 5.10 Trading Places - French Exchanga (S) (2337436).

8.35 Neighboure. Paul and Tad create their own website which has to be the most compalling argument yet against the internet (S) (T) (604110).

8.00 Newsj Weether (1) (884).

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9.00 News; Regional News; Weethor (T) (338584)

5.35 Jeilbirds. A pregnent 17-year-old girl from Bury is brought to New Hall for the first time, having bean chergad with grievous bodily harm (S) (1) (342400).

10.05 The Vicer ot Oibley. The Songs of Preise team is coming to the perish – but they don't have a choir (R) (5) (T) (952938).

10.35 PRIOTAL The Mission - Greet Selloon Rece.

Documentary tracing the bettle to win the "leet great prize in eviation" - to pilot a beloon non-stop around the world.

5ee Documentary of the Day, below (5) (T) (791665).

10.40 Newenight. With Jaremy Paxmen (T) (408058).

tt.25 Ice Sketing. Sua Barkar presente a non-competitive event from Helsinki (S) (852077).

12.00 Deepe1ch 6 ox (S) (55733). 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University – Surviving the Exam (T) (71004). 1.00 A Robot in the Periour? (79733). 1.30 Hidden Power (T) (82424). 2.00 Exam Revision: GCSE Bitasiza Revision – Geography 3 (98627). 4.00 Langueges: Deutsch Plus 1 - 4 (50269). 5.00 Businase and Training: Caraer Moves: Beeuty and Compismentary Therapy (32777298). To 5.45am.

5.30 Regionel News. And weather (T) (936)

7.00 Holidey. Reports on Rio de Janeiro, Puerto de Sentiago in Tenerife and a weakend break in Jarusalem (S) (T) (6991).

7.30 EastEnders. Spot the doomed characters. Rose is in a disemme about Jstf, and Tony makes a life-changing decision (S) (T) (348).

8.00 Anime! Hospite!. A great crested grabe has crash-landed in a car park, and a cat has become trapped in a cavity wall (5) (T) (9481).

B.30 Supernaturel - the Unesen Powers of Animels. Why do sherks seek out and attack submerines (because they're stupid?), and how do ladybirds enticipate the winter (S) (T) (1416).

11.25 Silly Connolly's World Tour of Australia. The Big Yawn winds up in Darwin (R) (S) (T) (473042).

12.05 ITIMA A Peedon for Murder (Neill Fearnley 1982 LS/Can). Joenna Pacula's career has gone gently but uninterruptedly downhill since her Gorky Park debut in 1983. This hokum eees her as a CIA egent who is on the run from political assessin Michael Ironeide. Michael Nourl pleys the unfortunets cab driver who picks up more than he bergained for (Than Weathar) (1346530). To 1.35am.

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Monday to Thursday from 6pm only on

oreat expectations (9pm 9BC2, right) The concluding half of Tony Marchant's intelligent, uncluttered Dickene adeptation, with an immeculate piece of casting turning young Pip (the impressive Gebriel Thomson) into the grown-up Pip (foan Gruffudd) – truly the odult version of the boy. Justine Waddell's seemingly beartless Estella ("moths and all sorts of creatures hover round o candle – can a candle help it?") spurns Pip for the vile Bantley Drummle, while the identity of Pip's mysterious benefactor is at last revealed. With Charlotte

THE MISSION: GREAT BALLOON
BBC(, right) If attempting to circumney hot-air balloon seems like God's way of Richard Branson and Steve Fossett the money, then this exciting documentary adventure to life. With a camera on lost Bertrand Piccard's Breiting Orbiter 3, from a dozen tenns of this "last great p Jerezzy Cross'e film has a grandstand v journey. Thunderstorms, oxygen starres

BALLOON RACE (10.35pm to circumnavigate the world by God's way of telling the likes of ve Fossett that they have too much documentary brings the whole amera on board Brien Jones and fing Orbiter 3, the eventual winner is "last great prize in aviation", a grandstand view of their epic oxygen starvation and Chinese sinoxygen starvation starv

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740 Children's BBC: The Silver Brumby (R) (S) (8860706).
7.35 Top Cat (R) (8228042). 7.55 The Bots Master (R) (S) (8303058). 5.20 Help! It's the Heir Bear Bunch (R) (8018329). 5.40 Blue Feter (S) (9285435). 9.40 Goober and the Ghost Chasere (R) (S) (7913939). 5.35 Student Bodiae (R) (8978888). 10.00 Taletubbles (R) (S) (93058).

10.30 GHDINE The 5,000 Fingers of Dr T (Roy Rowland 1953 US). Surreat children's fantacy about a young boy who would rather play baseball than take plane lessons. See Film of the Day, below (T) (\$180232).

11.55 The Muneters (R) (T) (4087348), 12.20 Beeuliful Things (R) (S) (8212226), 12.30 Working Lunch (82048), 1.00 Oakla Doke (R) (S) (38239077), 130 The Leisure Hour (R) (S) (1788481), 2.10 Sporting Graeta (S) (88910329), 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (8241491), 2.45 Weetmineter (S) (T) (5087313), 3.25 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (5817819), 3.30 Call My Bluff (R) (S) (482), 4.00 The Village (R) (S) (7128874), 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (S) (T) (7122881), 4.55 Eather (S) (T) (9241771), 5.30 Whose Housef (313).

6.00 Freeh Prince of Bel Air. Aunt Viv's beby is about to arrive and the whole family has mixed feelings about the happy event (R) (S) (T) (573042).

9.25 Heertbreek High. Hard-hitting soep about Sydney schoolchildren. The students' exam results arrive (S) (T) (237329).

7 The O Zone All the cruciel gossip on Heavenil's deperture from all-girl group Honeyz (S) (T) (597042).

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7.30 Counterbies1. Chris Lows, a member of Movement Against the Monarchy, attacks the Royal family and their place in society (S) (690).

B.00 University Chellenge. Bengor, part of the University of Wales, takes on Oriel College, Oxford, in the first sami-final (S) (T) (7023).

8.00

8.30 The Antiquae Show. A new series about all things collectable begins with the joys of Bekellte, and some heart-breaking mamentos from the veults of the Foundling Hospitat in London (S) (T) (8058). The Bill. "Kies Chase". Gossip is rits, as they say, when Luka Ashton is accused of gatting a teenage witness pregnant (T) (6058).

9.00 Two Strengers end e Wedding. Conclusion of the two-part documentary about one of the most unusual weddings of the year – where the brids and groom met for the first time at the alter. If you went to play along with this ridiculous radio station publicity stunt, then that's your business (1) (3394).

5.00 Ci(DISI Greet Expectations. 2/2. The concluding half of this excellent Dickens adaptation. See Drame of the Day, below (S) (T) (31738226).

10.00 Wonderful You. It seams that the public aren't exectly ceptivated by these unconvincing twenty/thirtysomethings — and that the ratings are steedily elipping. Clare and Marshall's wedding day is all set to go, when a couple of old ghoste turn up. Not literally, alas (S) (T) (6491).

t0,30 Queer es Folk. Stuart experiences rejection. Cameron declares his love to Virice (1) (324042)

11.20 London Tonigh1 (T) (807868). 11.30 The Wrigh1 Verdic1s. US courtroom drama (45042). 芸芸

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12.30 The Haun1ed Fiehtenk (38578). t.00 The Jarry Springer Show (3712066). 1.45 Judge Judy (4052530). 2.10 Wish You Were Here...? (9734207). 2.35 McGilloway's Way (4081882). 3.00 Nationwide Football League Extra (3583649). 3.50 ITV Sport Classics (R) (4488751). 4.20 ITV Nightscreen (9849172). To 5.30em. Eddle Centor's first sound picture, in which he playe a hypochondriac who is sent out Weat for his health and encounters cowboys, indians and chorus girls (981849). To 5.45em.

BBC2

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6.30

Good Stuff. Rowland Rivron and Wandy Douglas prasent their antertainment guids to London (S) (139)

London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital end the South-East (1) (752).

Newej Weether (T) (232)

Emmerdele. Passion unitee Biff and Kethy, while Rachel to finally elarmed by psycho teacher Greham. What's taken her so long? (S) (T) (8328). 8.55 Pienel Pop (789416). 7.00

7.55

Cleasic British Cers. "One Ledy Dwner". Looke at how, as car ownership became more widespread, menufacturers mede more concassions to woman, with models like the Morris Minor and Standard 9 (1225).

10.00 Firet on Four. Calabrating comadiena who began their television carears on Channel 4. Tonight's profile is on Julian Clary (R) (67232).

The tt O'Clock Show (T) (820990), 11.45 Electric Avenue (427503), 12.20 Algeria Daily (R) (5287240). 1.25 helda Algeria (3948976), 1.58 The Wonderful Horribla Life of Lent Riefenstehl (R) (1003658), 3.20 Brussels – Behind Closed Doore (3565004).

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6.00 5 News end Sport (S) (5892861). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (2759077). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2547435). 7.35 Muppet Bablea (4978348). 6.00 Havakazoo (R) (S) (8978481). 8.30 Dappladown Farm (R) (S) (8677752). 9.00 Instant Gardans (S) (T) (8764232). 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6779329). 10.20 Sunset Gaach (S) (T) (4154503). 11.10 Lazz (S) (3753858). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (8588668). 12.30 Family Affaire (S) (T) (7235987). 1.00 The Boseanna Show (S) (8685428). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (2989665). 2.30 Good Attarnoon (S) (8845435).

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ITV News Heedlines (T) (8844503).

Children's ITV: Malsy (5805874), 3.25 Rosle and Jim (S) (67501t0), 3.40 The Wombles (S) (4096955), 3.50 Scooby and Scrappy Doo (R) (7085874), 4.10 Snap (S) (T) (735435), 4.40 The Quick Trick Show (T) (2975481), 5.00 Lia Datactor (T) (5865).

4.00 Fittleen to One (T) (145). 4.30 Countdown (T) (7561706). 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (9243139). 5.30 Pat Rescue (T) (481).

Chennel 4 Recing from Newmerket. The usual team introduce the 205, 2.35, 310 (Nell Gwyn stakes – the traditional form guide for the forthcoming 1000 Guinaes) and the 3.40pm races (69502346).

5.00 King of the Hill. Animated Middle America. Hank catches his mother and her boyfriend in the throae of paseion (R) (S) (T) (394).

8.30 Home Improvement. Tim tries to impress some Swedish visitors with his cool sophistication (824313)

6.30 Family Affairs. Dave has some dodgy pireta videoe that he is off-loeding eround the manor. Yasmin tells Ban that Donne la mad ebout him (S) (T) (5984597).

7.00 Knight Rider. Talkativa car drama. Michael is charged with murder, but his chances of being cleared hinge on the tastimony of en unwilling witness (2983481).

6.00 5 News, including First on Five. National and international news with Kirely Young (S) (T) (6046145).

9.20 6 News (S) (59178077), **5.28** Ruseall Grant's Postcards (59178348). **5.30** 100 Per Cent (6049232).

Zisk 1994 US). Are you in need of an uplift this afternoon? Anyone who's feeling extremely patient may like to sit through this basad-on-real-life tala of a young U5 markne's batlla to walk against all the odds efter ha is eccidentally shot in the head during training. With Blair Brown and Camaron Bancroft (S) (2749023).

Chennel 4 News. Including sport and weather (T) (901787).

The A-Z of Scotlend. From football, meds illegal in Scotland in 1424 by King James IV, to "Jocks" (T) (736139).

Firs1 Edition. Documentary exploring the plight of unaccompanied child refugase in London, and heering their stories of why they travelled to the UK (S) (416).

5.00 Brockelde. Ron gete more than he bargained for when he becomes Mr Mop for the day (T) (5619).

9.00 Jiffed. Rapaat Culting Edga documentary (from director Russall England) that recounts that personal stories of alght peopla who were left at the alter – including the woman who has now bean stood up three times (R) (T) (1935).

6.00 ITIMI Fleshfire (Ellict Silverstain 1993 US) Billy Zone has tended to be best cast es e baddio – psycholic castaways à la Dead Calm or cowardly upper-class creaps (Titanic). This formulaic thriller has him playing a cop who teams up with e hooker (Kristin Mintar).while investigating an arson case (S) (T) (46573042).

where Oilla Reed and Amanada Donohoe voluntear to where Oilla Reed and Amanada Donohoe voluntear to be atrended on a desert Island for a year — Oilla geta randy, they both gat very hungry. There's a hall-hearted bottle-of-the-sexes subtext, but ea neither character is remotely likeable, it's frankly hard to give a drimn (S) (95891619).

12.45 Live and Dengerous (4250714). 1.25 Live and Dangarous (continued) (S) (96719707). 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (6763511). To 5am.

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FILM OF THE DAY

THE 5,000 FINGERS OF OR T (10.30am BBC2) Surely the oddest "children's film" to heve counc out of Hollywood, this fentasy was co-written by a certain Ted Geisel – better known as Dr Seues. Tommy Retibg of TV's Lassie plays Bart, a boy who'd rather play basebell than take pieno leseone with the tyranuical Dr Terkwilliker (Hans Comried in arguably his best performance). Falling asleep at hie plane, Bart dreams himself into Dr T's castle, where, in the fibn's most famous image, 500 boys are held captive at a huge pieno. There's a vaguely anti-communist subtext, but this is a real paean to that particularly 1950s stew of surrealiem and psychoanalysis.



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6.30 What Went Wrong? Tonight's programme looks at an explosion on an oil rig, a pleasure boat that goes over a low-level dam and a hellcopter that crashes into an irrigation pond. Fun, fun, fun (5) (2986836).

9.00 Are You Being Cheeted? Will Daws looks at cheating in the world of horse racing (S) (T) (2072329).

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7.30 Animel Mervels. Wildlife documentary about the musky rat kengaroo – the smallest of all species of kangaroo (S) (T) (6953481).